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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Baltimore water taxi wreck: The operator of a Baltimore water taxi that flipped in the Inner Harbor last March killing five passengers, including three from Virginia, will cease operations immediately under an agreement announced by its owner.

Seaport Taxi's five full-time employees have been let go and as many as 32 part-time employees will no longer work as captains and mates for the company that served the Inner Harbor for five years, officials for the nonprofit Living Classrooms Foundation said Tuesday.

Flu vaccine shortage: Nearly 1,900 doses of the scarce flu vaccine spoiled when a refrigerator broke down in West Allis, Wis., the second batch at the same hospital to be ruined in a month.

The egg-based vaccine had been given to 300 patients and 725 doctors and staff members at West Allis Memorial Hospital. Another 850 doses were discarded because it may have lost its effectiveness, said Scott Thompson, vice president of medical operations with Aurora Health Care.

Those who received shots were never in danger of falling ill and will be revaccinated, Thompson said.

School attack plot: Two students have pleaded not guilty to charges that they plotted an attack on their high school in Plymouth, Mass.

Tobin Kerns, 16, and Joseph Nee, 18, were jailed without bail Tuesday, although a judge said she would consider a request to release Nee based on arguments that he is not dangerous.

World

West Bank exodus: Israel's parliament gave preliminary approval Wednesday to compensation payments for Jewish settlers from Gaza and four West Bank settlements, clearing a major hurdle in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to evacuate 25 settlements next year.

By a vote of 64-44 with 9 abstentions, the Knesset passed the first of three votes on compensation packages that will give hundreds of thousands of dollars to the 8,800 settlers in Gaza and parts of the West Bank.

Spanish terror trial: An al-Qaida suspect awaiting extradition to Spain after his arrest in Germany refused to give evidence Wednesday at the trial of a Moroccan man accused of helping the Sept. 11 hijackers.



Dutch filmmaker's death: A demonstrator cries while attending a protest in Amsterdam in honor of Theo van Gogh, 47, a Dutch filmmaker who was slain in the street Tuesday. He was repeatedly shot and stabbed to death. A suspected Islamic fundamentalist with alleged terrorist ties was detained in the death Wednesday. Dutch authorities said. Van Gogh had received threats after criticizing the treatment of women under Islam.

Mamoun Darkazanli, a Syrian-German businessman, is accused by Spanish authorities of being a key al-Qaida figure and giving the group logistical and financial support.

UAE presidential funeral: Dignitaries and heads of state prayed Wednesday over the flag-draped body of United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan inside a capital mosque, paying final respects to a man who transformed his desert country into an oil and business hub over more than three decades.

Also Wednesday, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan was chosen as president of the United Arab Emirates, the official Emirates news agency WAM reported.

Japan earthquake: The death toll from last month's magnitude-6.8 earthquake and its aftershocks in northern Japan rose to 38 when two men in their 60s died of stress attributed to the disaster, police said Wednesday.

The 6.8-magnitude earthquake on Oct. 23 in Niigata prefecture and several large aftershocks in the days that followed also have in-

jured more than 2,400 people. Niigata is about 160 miles north of Tokyo.

Asian bird flu: A grey heron found dead near Hong Kong's border with mainland China had avian flu, but there were no signs that the bird has spread the deadly virus that's killed 32 people in Asia this year, officials said Wednesday.

Test results confirmed the bird had the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu, Agricultural, Fisheries and Conservation Department spokesman Albert Hui said Wednesday. But the government said earlier there is no indication that the bird has spread its disease.

Sudan peace talks: After months of peace talks, the Sudanese government and rebels moved close Wednesday to signing their first accord aimed at stopping ground and air attacks in the war-ravaged Darfur region.

African Union mediators shuttled between Sudanese rebel and government delegations in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, trying to secure the agreement, a day after reports of fresh violence in Darfur.

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ELECTION 2004

Bush seals it with narrow Ohio win

President gets four more years to pursue Iraq war, tax-cutting agenda

BY CALVIN WOODWARD
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WASHINGTON — President Bush won four more years in the White House on Wednesday and pledged to "fight this war on terror with every resource of our national power." John Kerry conceded defeat rather than back an election challenge in make-or-break Ohio.

"I will need your support and I will work to earn it," the president said in an appeal to the 55 million Americans who voted for his Democratic rival. "We are entering a season of hope," he said.

The president spoke before thousands of cheering supporters less than an hour after his vanquished rival conceded defeat.

"America has spoken," Bush told the crowd.

The re-election triumph gave the president a new term to pursue the war in Iraq and a conservative, tax-cutting agenda at home — and probably the chance to name one or more justices to an aging Supreme Court.

He also will preside alongside expanded Republican majorities in Congress. The GOP gained four Senate seats and bolstered its majority in the House by at least two.

Vice President Dick Cheney told the Republican victory rally that the results of Tuesday's elections translated into a mandate for the president's policies. He did not elaborate.

Bush sketched only the barest outline of a second term agenda, talking of reforming an "outdated tax code," overhauling Social Security and upholding the "deepest values of family and faith."

The two public appearances signaled the end of a campaign waged over the anti-terror war and the economy.

Hours earlier, Kerry had telephoned Bush to offer a private concession. Aides to both men stressed that they had agreed on a need to heal the nation after a long and frequently bitter campaign.

Bush also won New Mexico's five electoral votes in a narrow contest decided Wednesday. Those, combined with Ohio's 20 electoral votes, gave Bush 279 in the Associated Press count, more than the 270 needed for victory. Kerry had 252 electoral votes, with Iowa (seven electoral votes) still unsettled.

Bush was winning 51 percent of the popular vote to 48 percent for his rival. He led by more than 3 million ballots. Officials in both camps described the telephone conversation between the two campaign warriers.

A Democratic source said Bush called Kerry a worthy, tough and honorable opponent. Kerry told Bush the country was too divided, and Bush agreed, the source said.



Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., left, talks with his presidential running mate, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., before delivering their concession speeches Wednesday in Boston's Faneuil Hall.

For full text of Bush's and Kerry's speeches, visit www.stripes.com

Yet Kerry's public remarks contained an element of challenge to the Republican president. "America is in need of unity and longing for a larger measure of compassion," he said. "I hope President Bush will advance those values in the coming years."

Kerry placed his call after weighing unattractive options overnight. With Bush holding fast to a six-figure lead, Kerry could give up or trigger a struggle that would have stirred memories of the bitter recount in Florida that propelled Bush to the White House in 2000. "We cannot win this election," the Massachusetts senator said in an emotional campaign farewell in Boston.

Kerry's call was the last bit of drama in a campaign full of it.

While Bush remains in the White House, Kerry returns to the Senate, part of the shrunken Democratic minority.

He acted hours after White House chief of staff Andy Card declared Bush the winner and White House aides said the president was giving Kerry time to consider his next step.

One senior Democrat familiar with the discussions in Boston said Kerry's running mate, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, was suggesting that he shouldn't concede.

The official said Edwards, a trial lawyer, wanted to make sure all options were explored and that Democrats pursued them as thoroughly as Republicans would if the positions were reversed.

Advisers said the campaign just wanted one last look for uncounted ballots that might close the 136,000-vote advantage Bush held in Ohio.

An Associated Press survey of the state's 88 counties found there were about 150,000 uncounted provisional ballots and an unspecified number of absentee votes still to be counted.

Ohio aside, New Mexico and Iowa remained too close to call in a race for the White House framed by a worldwide war against terror and economic worries at home.

But those two states were for the record — Ohio alone had the electoral votes to swing the election to the man in the White House or his Democratic challenger. A GOP legal and political team was dispatched overnight to Ohio in case Kerry made a fight of it.

Republicans already were celebrating election gains in Congress. They picked up four seats in the Senate, and they drove Democratic leader Tom Daschle from office.

That will be the state of play on Capitol Hill for the next two years, with the chance of a Supreme Court nomination fight looming along with legislative battles.

Republicans also re-emerged their majority in the House.

Glitches galore cropped up in overwhelmed polling places as Americans voted in high numbers, fired up by unprecedented registration drives, the excruciatingly close contest and the sense that these were unusually consequential times.

"The mood of the voter in this election is different than any election I've ever seen," said Sangamon County, Ill., clerk Joseph Aiello. "There's more passion. They seem to be very emotional. They're asking lots of questions, double-checking things."



AP photos

Above: President Bush and first lady Laura Bush look over a crowd of supporters during a victory rally Wednesday at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington.

The country exposed its rifts on matters of great import in Tuesday's voting. Exit polls found the electorate split down the middle or very close to it on whether the nation is moving in the right direction, on what to do in Iraq, on whom they trust with their security.

Bush built a solid foundation by hanging on to almost all the battleground states he got last time. Facing the cruel arithmetic of attrition, Kerry needed to do more than go one state better than Al Gore four years ago; redistributing since then had left those 2000 Democratic prizes 10 electoral votes short of the total needed to win the presidency.

Florida led to Bush again, close but no argument about it. Bush's relentless effort to wrest Pennsylvania from the Democratic column fell short. He had visited the state 44 times, more than any other. Kerry picked up New Hampshire in perhaps the election's only turnover.

In Ohio, Kerry won among young adults, but lost in every

other age group. One-fourth of Ohio voters identified themselves as born-again Christians and they backed Bush by a 3-to-1 margin.

A sideline issue in the national presidential campaign, gay civil unions may have been a sleeper that hurt Kerry — who strongly supports that right — in Ohio and elsewhere. Ohioans expanded their law banning gay marriage, already considered the toughest in the country, with an even broader constitutional amendment against civil unions.

In all, voters in 11 states approved constitutional amendments limiting marriage to one man and one woman.

In Florida, Kerry again won only among voters under age 30. Six in 10 voters said Florida's economy was in good shape, and they voted heavily for Bush. Voters also gave the edge to Bush's handling of terrorism.

In Senate contests, Rep. John Thune's victory over Daschle represented the first defeat of a Senate party leader in a re-election race in more than a half century.

ELECTION 2004

4 more years: Outlook for Bush's 2nd term

By BILL STRAUB

Scripps Howard News Service

What will President Bush do in a second term? From Iraq to the economy, here's a look ahead at the next four years.

Cabinet

Some changes are anticipated. Secretary of State Colin Powell has hinted that he may depart. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice is mentioned as a possible replacement. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson plans to return to Wisconsin, looking at a possible run for Senate in two years. Whoever gets Thompson's Cabinet job likely will have to win the approval of the president's social conservative base.

Norman Mineta, the lone Democrat in the inner circle, has been in ill health and may leave the administration. Otherwise, look for the usual cast of characters to return — including Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Iraq

At the top of the president's agenda is shepherding a successful national election in Iraq, now scheduled for Jan. 30 — a week after Bush is sworn in again on the Capitol steps. The Pentagon is expected to build up the U.S. force in Iraq in advance of the election and intensify the offensive to clear such Iraqi insurgent strongholds as Fallujah, Ramadi and Samarra of U.S. enemy elements.

After the Iraq election, if it goes reasonably well, Bush is likely to bring home at least a symbolic number of U.S. soldiers to signal to both Iraqis and Americans that the war and U.S. occupation will end.

Military

Barring an attack on America



President Bush will probably steer clear of any sizable new military operations that may further tax the military during his second term.

or its forces overseas, Bush will steer clear of any sizable new military engagements that would further tax the already over-stretched U.S. military. He will push for diplomatic and economic sanctions against Iran and North Korea, if both nations continue to thumb their noses at the

United States by advancing their nuclear weapons program.

Short of war with North Korea or any other hostile nation, Bush will not seek to reestablish the military draft, which the Pentagon inalterably opposes.

Bush will likely pour more money into the troubled, \$25 bil-

lion effort to build a national ballistic missile defense, even though it still has not been proven conclusively to work.

Health care

Bush proposes to spend \$90 billion to \$200 billion over 10 years for tax credits to help low-income people buy insurance and for lots more people to set up tax-exempt savings accounts to help pay for medical expenses not covered by insurance. He would also start a new initiative to enroll children in Medicaid and state health insurance programs.

Enacted as part of the law that created a Medicare prescription drug plan for seniors, health savings accounts have been slow to catch on as an option to employer-provided coverage although the government is offering them to federal employees during the current open season for benefits.

Bush will allow more seniors to have health savings accounts, and he backs tax deductions for long-term care insurance and tax help for caregivers. He would continue to encourage seniors to enroll in private health plans to hold down costs.

Stem cell research

Stem cell research should remain at current levels during the president's second term, and the government would continue to encourage more private involvement in health research and allow market forces to set prices.

Economy

Bush will push for a permanent extension of his tax cuts including lower rates for income taxes, capital gains and dividend income and full repeal of federal inheritance taxes. At the same time, he has talked vaguely about reforming the tax code, although Congress seems unlikely to agree to wholesale reform. Congressional Republicans are agreeable to permanent extension of the Bush tax cuts. That is likely to cause \$6 trillion worth of federal deficits in the next decade alone, adding pressure to cut federal spending on popular programs.

Social Security

Bush should let younger workers put some of their Social Security payroll taxes into private investment accounts, but neither he nor his blue-ribbon commission that studied the issue has said how the change would be financed.

Supreme Court

Bush says he has no litmus test for Supreme Court appointments,

promising in the presidential debates, "I'll name judges that know the difference between personal opinion and the strict interpretation of the law." He went on to cite the 1857 Dred Scott decision upholding slavery before the Civil War as an example of the "judicial activism" he deplors, not mentioning that the decision is frequently likened by abortion opponents to the 1973 ruling in Roe v. Wade that made abortion a nationwide right.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist's thyroid cancer has revived speculation about a vacancy, and at least one opening is likely in the next four years on a court where Clarence

At least one opening is likely in the next four years on a U.S. Supreme Court where Clarence Thomas is the only justice younger than 65.

Environment

The crux of the philosophy articulated by the Bush administration has been that environmental policies and regulations that cost industry are bad for the economy and therefore bad for the environment. If the economy is in bad shape, then industry and government will not

have money to spend on environmental initiatives, administration officials argue.

Bush's climate and energy policies are likely to continue to emphasize reliance on fossil fuels such as coal for electric power and oil for transportation, which are the main source of the man-made carbon dioxide emissions that are driving climate change. A second Bush administration is also likely to continue to seek substantial funding for research and development of hydrogen fuel cells as the ultimate replacement for oil in transportation.

Experts generally agree that fuel cells are a distant solution, unlikely to begin to reduce U.S. oil imports until around 2025 at the earliest.

Bush is likely to press for congressional enactment of his "Clear Skies" legislation that would cut power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide, two key air pollutants, and reduce mercury by as much as 70 percent sometime after 2018.

Lawsuits

Bush has long championed tort reform, seeking to limit the punitive damages an individual can collect as the result of a lawsuit. With an even stronger Republican Senate covering his back, the president might achieve his goal this go-round.

Abortion

Bush will continue to tell social conservatives what they want to hear but it's unlikely that he will take the steps necessary to ban abortion.



Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, left, will probably stay for a second term, but Secretary of State Colin Powell, right, may elect to leave the administration.

ELECTION 2004

Across the Pacific, returns command attention

Election night found military community watching, hoping for a clear winner

BY DAVID ALLEN

Stars and Stripes

Many Americans in the Pacific were glued to television sets Wednesday monitoring the presidential election returns from the United States.

Most of those interviewed seemed pleased that President Bush led his opponent, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, throughout most of the day, even though there was no early clear-cut winner.

The mood at "The Spot," a Marine Corps Community Services food court on Camp Foster, Okinawa, was upbeat early Wednesday morning as a small group of people watched the results start to come in from the East Coast.

"It looks good for Bush so far," said Robert Deck, 52, an insurance agent who said he was going to watch the election coverage to his conclusion.

"I'm like everyone else in America," the Kentucky native said. "I've been following this race all year long and I'm going to stick it out to the end. I'm going to take the day off and watch the news."

Deck, like most others watching the results at the Okinawa food court, said he voted for Bush.

"The main reason is I think he's been honest the last four years," Deck said. "I may not like all of what he's had to say but you know he believed it. It would have been

easy for him to change his mind on some issues just to get votes — like Kerry has. But Bush doesn't play to the voters. He acts on what he believes is right."

"I think his values are strong," Deck said, adding that he hoped for a clear winner by the day's end.

"I hope for everyone's sake we don't have a repeat of the last election," he said.

Nearby, retired truck driver Don Page, 71, watched the returns with his daughter-in-law, Kumiko, 33. He said he hoped to watch until someone was declared a winner, but it also was the due date for Kumiko's baby.

"I'm here for a month to visit my son, Gunnery Sgt. George Page," said the expectant grandma. "We both voted for Bush."

Page is from Harrison Township, Mich., a Detroit suburb.

"We love about 25 miles east of Detroit," he said. "It's Bush country. I like what Bush has done the past four years. He's not been afraid to jump in with both feet and do what's needed to be taken to take care of the terrorists."

He said his son is due to deploy to Iraq at the end of the month.

"He's got friends there now who tell him the common people there are generally glad we're there and got rid of Saddam," he said.

Close by, Marine Staff Sgt. Thomas Phillips, 30, took a sip of Dunkin' Donuts coffee and watched a few more states go into



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Airman 1st Class Kenneth Williams of 35th Maintenance Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan, watches election results with co-workers Wednesday over lunch at the enlisted club's sports bar.

Bush's column.

"I think he'll win," said the Savannah, Ga., native. "I voted for Bush, for the same reason I would have voted for FDR during World War II. I don't think it's a good thing to change commanders in the middle of combat."

Bush, he said, "started it, let him finish it."

Phillips, assigned to an engineering maintenance company on Camp Foster, had taken the morning off to get his driver's license. "There's things about both of the candidates that I don't like but Bush is probably the lesser of the two evils," he said. "Republican presidents are generally

more favorable to the military."

He said the race was too close to call. "As long as it doesn't get decided by the courts, I'll be happy," he said. "If Kerry wins, I'll be disappointed but I'm not going to lose any sleep over it."

But not all eyes on Camp Foster were focused on the returns. At the Army and Air Force Exchange and several clubs, the televisions were tuned in to the Houston-Detroit basketball game.

Misawa: 'We've been watching very closely'

Elsewhere in Japan, the televisions were almost all news, all the time.

At Misawa Air Base in northern Japan, most sets, from the base exchange to the enlisted club, were tuned into the election, as servicemen and civilians paused to watch the unfolding results — some with bated breath.

"We've been watching all day. We've been watching very closely," said Tech. Sgt. Lance Hunt, a support section chief for 35th Maintenance Squadron, eating lunch in the enlisted club sports bar. "I think it's going pretty much as advertised."

Hunt, from Doe Run, Mo., thought this was the most important presidential election in which he's voted.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Christina Robinson, of El Paso, Texas, emphatically said she was for the incumbent.

"He's more military-friendly," said the quality assurance librarian with Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department on Wednesday morning. "I'm kind of worried because Kerry has five states over on the East Coast."

P.J. Watson, a dependent, said she and her husband, a technical sergeant at Misawa, also voted

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for Bush and felt he would win. "So far I'm happy, very happy," she said at the enlisted club Wednesday afternoon, glancing at the color-coded electoral college map on television that then showed Bush with a slight advantage.

Also watching the election unfold over lunch at the enlisted club was Airman 1st Class Kenneth Williams. Though he didn't send in his absentee ballot, he said he was rooting for Kerry because of the senator's views on the economy and the war in Iraq. "Being overseas, it's kind of out of sight, out of mind. But my vote was for Kerry, and I know my family is for Kerry," he said, noting he's from Philadelphia. "Kerry is for the average, blue-collar person."

Sasebo: A Brit's perspective

In southern Japan, David Glazier, an employee with Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Sasebo Naval Base, said early Wednesday afternoon he was trying to keep up with the election news as best he could, despite his work schedule.

"I'm from Oklahoma, and I do know Oklahoma went heavily for Bush, something like 66 percent to 34 percent," he said. "I was for Kerry, but Oklahoma didn't go that way."

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GREG TYLER/Stars and Stripes

Pamela Correa, at left, and Beverley Brinkley, both Navy spouses, stopped while shopping Wednesday afternoon at the Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, Navy Exchange to catch up on election coverage by means of the televisions on display.

ELECTION 2004

Students practice political process with mock election

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN

Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Some Department of Defense Dependents Schools throughout the Pacific gave students an opportunity to let their voices be heard during the presidential election, even though it didn't count.

More than 10 schools — elementary, junior and high schools — held mock elections at some point during the past week to see which candidate students prefer. At least three schools over-whelmingly voted to keep President Bush in office for four more years. Results were not immediately available for the remainder.

At Kadena High School, the incumbent Sen. John Kerry in a landslide, 445 to 196. Ralph Nader received 50 votes, while eight students wrote in Al Sharpton and one student wanted to see Meryl Streep in the White House. Almost 81 percent of the 869 students at the school participated in the vote.

"This year the young-person vote could be the swing vote. It's up to us to represent our generation."

Marita Andrade
Kadena High School senior

The day began with mock candidates squaring off in a debate during two assemblies — one for freshmen and sophomores, another for juniors and seniors. Freshmen students portrayed the three candidates during the first assembly: Keifer Robinson was Kerry, Kerry Coughough was Bush and Kaneesha Heath played Nader. Seniors Marita Andrade, Francesca Schneider and Misha Davis, respectively,

played the three candidates during the second debate.

During both debates, the "candidates" fielded questions their fellow students had prepared. Topics ranged from the economy to health care and the global war on terrorism to unemployment.

Government

teacher Giff Mueller arranged the debates and mock election at Kadena. He said the student candidates researched each candidate's views and political stances. Several practices debates were held before Wednesday's finale.

"I think the students did very well," Mueller said. "Their an-

swers were parallel to those of the actual candidates ... it was a striking similarity."

Mueller said the mock election was designed to teach students about the voting and electoral process. Andrade, who represented Kerry during the second debate, said the event was important to allow the students to form their own opinions.

"A lot of kids just vote for who their parents vote for and some young people don't vote because they're just not aware of the issues," said Andrade, who said she watched both political parties' conventions and followed the candidates' campaigns. "This year the mock election vote could be the swing vote. It's up to us to represent our generation."

Some of Kadena High School's seniors did represent that generation by participating in the actual election. Mueller said 45 students were eligible to vote and most of them registered. He wasn't aware of how many balloted, but Andrade said she cast her first presidential vote.

Earlier in the week, Gifted Education sixth-graders at E.C. Killin Elementary School on Camp Foster wrapped up a series of lessons on the election process by holding a schoolwide vote. The students did everything from publicizing the election to passing out ballots



FRED ZIMMERMAN/Stars and Stripes

Senior Kristin Kelly holds a sign opposing Sen. John Kerry for president while fellow senior Kourtney Taylor holds a ballot collection box during Kadena High School's mock election Wednesday. Overall, students at the school favored President Bush over Kerry.

and explaining the voting process to all classes. Once the students tabulated the results, they saw they'd favored President Bush 342 votes to 103.

In South Korea, students at Seoul American High School on Yongsan Garrison turned in a decidedly conservative result. In an online poll conducted via the school's Intranet system, 66 percent favored Bush; 26 percent, Kerry; and 5 percent, Ralph Nader.

Meanwhile, students in some classes followed the real election with low-tech versions of the network news electoral vote maps.

In an interesting mix of computers and pencils, students used laptops and wireless Internet connec-

tions to get instant updates on the latest vote counts. As various states slid into the "red state" or "blue state" columns, students taped pieces of paper onto a large wall map, under other pieces of paper labeled "Bush/Cheney" and "Kerry/Edwards."

As they watched the results come in, some students who normally focus on world events — as members of the mock United Nations team — turned their eyes stateside. They tossed campaign facts back and forth, some sounding just as in the know as the anchors on the television set that hung over the classroom.

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Returns: Troops' interest in election outcome runs high

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Glazier said he hoped the stark political divisions in America would begin to fade. "I think if Kerry wins that could happen, but not if Bush does," he said.

Inside the Sasebo Navy Exchange, Navy spouses Pamela Correa and Beverley Brinkley stopped shopping long enough to catch up on election news shown on a wall of televisions.

Brinkley is a British citizen. But as a Navy spouse and a citizen of America's strongest ally, she was well-versed on the issues.

"It does matter to me which one wins," she said, "but I'm trying to be diplomatic here and not say, because I'm a Navy spouse and because I didn't vote."

She did offer some observations.

"I know many of my friends and relatives (in England) are watching closely because of concerns about American diplomats in the world and how that impacts the European community," Brinkley said.

"It seems like when it comes to Americans providing help in the world, it's damned if you do and damned if you don't. But people still expect America to go into the wars and police matters, and give billions of dollars. Yet they get nothing but criticism," Brinkley added.

Correa said she believed the election would be settled without the confusion experienced in 2000.

"I think it will, and I think that aspect is just something the press has jumped on because of what happened in Florida last time, blah, blah, blah," she said.

Yokosuka: 'I'm glad I voted'

Closer to Tokyo, during lunch in Yokosuka Naval Base's main galley, some sailors sat near the wide-screen TV tuned in to a basketball game.

However, Petty Officer 2nd Class Jan Pierce Rodriguez and retired sailor Divino Ranada sat at the far end of the room, riveted to the election coverage, even though it was too early for meaningful results.

"I've been watching it since last night," Ranada said. "The whole world is watching. Europe, the Middle East ... whatever happens here, it's going to affect them."

Ranada said he had worked hard to vote for his candidate, using a write-in ballot after his absentee ballot never showed up, even though his wife's dad and he sent in for them both at the same time and place.

"With the race being so tight, I'm glad I voted," he said. "I feel really proud about that. The system is nowhere near perfect but it's one of the best if not the best."

Rodriguez, too, had followed the campaign news for some time. He said he watched the debates and sent in an ab-

tee ballot to his home county in Florida, although he's unsure it will get counted. He said the campaign left him with a bitter feeling about both contenders and whether it's possible to know the truth about their stances on the issues.

"It's who you hate less — that's the person we have to vote for," he said.

South Korea: Supporting 'whoever is elected'

In South Korea, U.S. military public affairs officials turned down requests by several news organizations to film or photograph soldiers watching the election returns on base Wednesday. The reason, they said, was to prevent any pictures or video clips from implying the U.S. military endorsed either candidate.

But soldiers approached at off-base locations Wednesday said they were following the results closely.

Pfc. Will Johnson, 21, of West Palm Beach, Fla., with the 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion, said he enjoys what he is doing in the Army and voted for the candidate who supports that.

"It was happy that I made my choice to vote for that person. If people do not vote then what are we fighting for? If they don't care who leads us wherever we are going, what is the point of having a president?" he asked.

Soldiers in Area 1 clustered around television sets to watch the election results unfold, said Johnson, who monitored it at the post exchange and in his room before heading out to Uijongbu to meet friends.

He said he kept a close eye on results in his home state.

"Somebody messed up in my hometown last election. It was something big that the whole city took the flak for," said Johnson, referring to the 2000 controversy over voting procedures in West Palm Beach.

The lesson from last time is that every vote counts, he said.

"It is unlikely, but if it comes down to one vote I wanted to make sure mine counted," he said.

Others chose not to vote.

Sett Justin Morris, 23, of Portland, Ore., of 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, said he thought there was no point in voting since he liked neither candidate.

"I'm going to remain neutral and support whoever is elected," he said.

Despite not balloting, Morris said, he regarded soldier care as the most important election issue.

Speaking of troops already in or deploying to Iraq, he said, "These are the boys and girls who are going over and dying."

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This time, the process seemed to work

Only minor voting glitches reported

BY DEBORAH HASTINGS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The big surprise of the 2004 U.S. election: For the most part, the voting went smoothly.

By the close of polls across the United States, despite heavy turnout and hints of a vote-counting saga dead ahead, there were only scattered reports of equipment trouble and human error at the voting stations. And none was major.

Educated and dedicated voters deserve most of the credit, said Doug Chapin, director of the non-partisan Election Reform Information Project.

"At the end of the day it came down to the voters, and they stood in the rain, they asked questions, they went to court," Chapin said. "And voters came through in a way that even the most optimistic of us hadn't expected."

After the disaster of 2000, when recounting stretched for several weeks and the question of how long it should continue ended up with the U.S. Supreme Court, pessimism has been in large supply.

"We heard stories of isolated incidents, but no major problems,"

said California Secretary of State Kevin Shelley, where all 55 electoral votes — the most of any state — went to Democrat John Kerry. "While long lines may have frustrated voters, it's a wonderful, positive reflection on our democracy," Shelley said late Tuesday.

In Ohio, after a voter filed suit on behalf of voters who didn't receive absentee ballots on time, all were allowed to cast provisional ballots. Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell said early Wednesday that the number of provisional ballots in the state could be as high as 250,000. Provisional ballots are new to this election. Any voter whose name does not appear on precinct rolls is entitled to cast a provisional — or paper — ballot. But elections officials must individually certify them as being cast by registered voters before they can be counted.

About half of all voters said they were very confident their ballots would be accurately counted, according to a national Associated Press exit poll conducted by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International.

Extreme vigilance by election officials caused unfounded com-



First-time voter Natalia Agudelo, 20, left, gets some help from attorney Pam Kearse, a member of the Volunteer Lawyers for Kerry/Edwards, outside a polling precinct Tuesday in Hollywood, Fla.

plaints and poll closures, including a suspicious substance in Mount Laurel, N.J., later determined to be spilled salt.

Long after poll-closing time, voters in some states still were waiting in long lines. In Ohio, the

wait was as long as seven hours. In Connecticut, some got restless.

"They were getting a little rowdy," said Bridgette Sgt. Nick Meriano. "It's under control now. People were in line a couple hours."

Hundreds complained about touch-screen voting machines, which computer scientists say are prone to malfunction and hacking. They were used in 29 states and the District of Columbia.

E-voting appeared to take its worst hit in New Orleans, where precinct workers were forced to tell voters to come back because of problems including machines that did not boot up properly.

"New Orleans was the award for the worst voting situation in the country when it comes from electronic voting machines," said Cindy Coln, legal director of the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

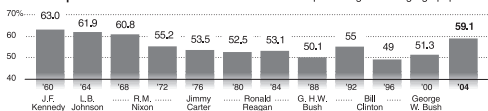
Florida had a few problems of its own in that area. In the state that gave the 2000 election to President Bush on the basis of 537 votes, 10 touch-screen voting machines failed at various precincts in Broward County.

Common Cause reported more than 175,000 calls to its national voting hot line. The citizens' lobby group said extremely high voter turnout caused complaints of ballot shortages and overwhelmed polling officials.

But such problems appeared to have been quickly solved in some areas. "There's been nothing systemic, nothing that seems to be widespread," said Matt Brix, director of Common Cause New Mexico.

High voter turnout rivals 1960 benchmark

Turnout in presidential elections and winner



as a percentage of voting-age population

*As of 6:05 a.m., with 98.8% precincts reporting

SOURCES: Federal Election Commission

AP

Voter turnout highest since '60s

BY BEN FELLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Driven by an intense race for the presidency, a greater percentage of Americans voted Tuesday than at any time in more than three decades.

About 120 million people cast ballots, or just under 60 percent of eligible voters — the highest percentage turnout since 1968, said Curtis Gans, director of the nonpartisan Committee for the Study of the American Electorate. He expected more detailed figures later Wednesday.

One county clerk in Illinois spoke for poll workers across the country on Election Day when he summed up the turnout with one word: "Gangbusters."

Four years ago, in the election that led to Republican President Bush's narrow victory over Democrat Al Gore, slightly more than 54 percent of eligible voters, or about 105.4 million, voted.

Former President Clinton's 1996 re-election bid drew just 49 percent of eligible voters, about 96 million. But his 1992 challenge to first President George Bush brought out 55.2 percent of eligible voters, or about 104.4 million.

Officials had eyes on whether Tuesday's turnout

would rival the 1960 benchmark, when about two-thirds of eligible voters came out to back either Democrat John Kennedy or Republican Richard Nixon.

At least six states — Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia — and the District of Columbia set new voter-turnout highs, according to Gans' analysis.

"On both sides, the presidency of George Bush was a lightning rod," he said. "For those who supported him, they supported him for traditional values, strong leadership, the war on terrorism and some rejection of things that the Democrats advocate," such as abortion rights and gay civil unions.

"On the other side, it was the war on Iraq, debt, the feeling he hadn't been candid with the American people, too conservative values and division in the country," Gans said.

When it comes to voting, the United States still has some distance to go to match the participation of voters in other democracies. But by U.S. standards, Tuesday shaped up as an impressive show.

In California, the estimated voter turnout was 12 million, a record for the state.

"On a landslide of people coming out, which is nice," voter Theresa Cocco, 45, a business owner, said outside the Surfing Museum in Huntington Beach. "It renews my faith in society."

TV news avoids mistakes of 2000

BY DAVID BAUDER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Burned by their blown calls in the 2000 election, television networks were determined not to make the same mistake again Tuesday night and left President Bush on the brink of victory — but not quite there.

Meanwhile, there were concerns among television executives about early exit polls that indicated John Kerry would do much better than he appeared to be faring as actual vote counts came in.

Striking first, Fox News Channel declared President Bush won Ohio at 12:41 a.m. EST. Coughnour had won with a projection of Alaska for Bush as soon as polls closed there at 1 a.m. Fox said Bush had clinched at least a tie for the presidency with 269 electoral votes.

NBC joined Fox in calling Ohio and Alaska for Bush at 1 a.m.

"This race is all but over," NBC anchor Tom Brokaw said.

But by 5 a.m., ABC, CBS, CNN and The Associated Press — four other news organizations that received the same vote count exit poll information as NBC and Fox — had kept Ohio in the undecided camp.

Those same four news organizations declared Bush the winner in Nevada. NBC and Fox would not; by their counts, a Nevada win would have given Bush the presidency.

"Our judgment is that we will not be the arbiter," Brokaw said. "There will be no declaration on us tonight as long as the Kerry campaign is contesting in Ohio."

Shortly before 5 a.m., Brokaw acknowledged to viewers that the situation was frustrating. "It is frustrating for us as well," he said. ABC's Terry Moran raised the possibility of a high-stakes game of chicken. He said the White House appeared irritated that none of the networks were declaring Bush the winner.

"Essentially what is holding things up is the president and his team is waiting for him to be declared the winner by us," he said.

But ABC didn't budge in not calling Ohio, even though analyst George Stepanovich said it was "mathematically almost impossible" for Kerry to win.

At Fox, a spokesman said most of its decision team had left the office by 4 a.m.

CNN was in limbo, painting Ohio green on its red state-blue state map. "We are being very cautious here," Judy Woodruff said.

The 2000 election night fiasco — when all of the networks twice declared Bush the winner in Florida and awarded the presidency to Bush weeks before it was settled — was clearly on their minds.

"If we hadn't gone through what we had gone through in 2000, we probably would have called Ohio for Bush," CNN's Jeff Greenfield said.

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Neither party gains in gubernatorial races

BY SHARON COHEN

The Associated Press

Republicans scored two big wins in governors' races in the Midwest, recapturing seats in Indiana and Missouri. But the GOP gains were offset by Democratic victories in New Hampshire and Montana in an election where neither party dominated statewide contests.

In Washington state, the candidates were running neck-in-neck with mail-in ballots potentially delaying the final result for days.

Among 11 states that chose their governors Tuesday, two in America's heartland saw a turnover to the GOP in their executive mansions. Both were places where President Bush posted solid victories.

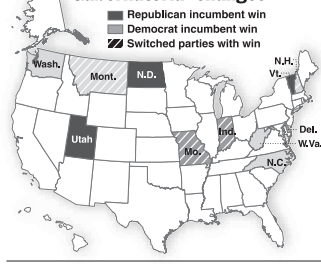
In Indiana, Mitch Daniels, former White House budget director under Bush, won easily and gave the GOP control of the governor's seat for the first time since a Democrat took office in 1989. He defeated Joe Kernan, who took over last year after the death of Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

In Missouri, Matt Blunt, the Republican secretary of state and son of Rep. Roy Blunt, edged out Claire McCaskill, the Democratic state auditor. His win gives the state GOP full control of the Capitol for the first time in four generations.

But those Republican wins were balanced by Democratic gains: In New Hampshire, John Lynch ousted GOP incumbent Craig Benson, accusing him of running a corrupt administration. State officials said it was the first time since 1926 that a freshman governor was denied a second term.

And in Montana, another bit of

Gubernatorial changes



history was written as Democrat Brian Schweitzer, a farmer-rancher, rolled by Bob Brown, the Republican secretary of state.

"It's a new day in Montana," Schweitzer said Tuesday night as he celebrated the victory that returns the office to Democrats for the first time in 16 years.

The GOP still could pick up a governorship previously held by Democrats in Washington state. In that contest, Republican Dino Rossi and Democrat Christine Gregoire were separated by a few thousand votes and absentee and provisional ballots could delay the final tally for weeks.

Washington — along with Montana and West Virginia — were states where governors chose not

to seek re-election. In two other states — Utah and Missouri — incumbents were ousted by their own parties during the primaries.

In several open seats, the races were marked by record spending and unprecedented bursts of out-of-state money. But local issues, including taxes, economic development and transportation, also were factors in gubernatorial races.

In six other states, incumbents won or the party kept control of the executive mansions.

In Delaware, Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, a 30-year veteran of political contests, squeaked by GOP challenger Bill Lee, a retired judge, to win a second term.

North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley won a second term over Repub-



Republican candidate for governor of Indiana Mitch Daniels talks to supporters during a victory rally Tuesday in Indianapolis. Daniels defeated incumbent Democratic Gov. Joe Kernan.

lican Patrick Ballantine in a state that has suffered job losses in the textile and furniture industry.

On the GOP side, two incumbents also won. In Vermont, Jim Douglas crushed Democrat Peter Clavelle, the Burlington mayor. And in North Dakota, John Hoeven breezed to a second term over former Democratic state Sen. Joe Satrom, who had argued the incumbent was ineffective.

In the remaining open seats, the Republicans maintained control in Utah, where Jon Huntsman Jr., heir to his father's chemical fortune, capitalized on the state's overwhelming GOP base to defeat Democrat Scott Matheson Jr.

And in West Virginia, Democrat Joe Manchin, the secretary of state, beat Republican Monty Warner and Jesse Johnson of the Mountain Party.

Nader's presence fails to affect election result

BY SAM HANANEL

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats won't be arguing this year that Ralph Nader ruined the chances of their presidential candidate.

Unlike the 2000 race, Nader failed to win enough votes in any state to affect the overall outcome for Democrat John Kerry.

Nationwide, the independent presidential candidate won 0.3 percent of the vote, just a fraction of the 2.7 percent he earned four years ago.

Nader vowed to continue his campaign against corporate domination of American politics. He lashed out at Democrats as the "liberal intelligentsia" for pressuring him to quit the race and mounting a massive legal campaign to keep him off the ballots in the battleground states.

"The liberals who staff and fund so many of those good groups, to politicians, they don't care demands on the Democratic Party anymore," a raspy-voiced Nader told about

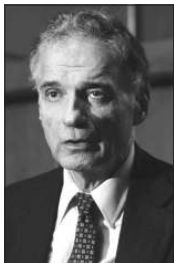
150 supporters gathered in Washington late Tuesday.

"The contempt that the Democratic Party has for groups that support them, when these groups do not make any demand on them, they are making the Democratic Party seem more like the Republican Party," Nader said.

Nearly every major environmental, civil rights, labor and consumer group opposed Nader, but he said he decided to run because both major political parties refused to address his concerns, including public financing of elections, a universal, single-payer health care system and withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.

Nader was on the ballot in 34 states this year, including at least a half-dozen battleground states where Democrats feared his presence could tip the balance in an otherwise tight presidential contest. In 2000, he appeared on 43 state ballots as the Green Party's candidate.

Election returns show Nader was more of a factor this year than in 2000, where Democrats say he siphoned votes from



Ralph Nader

Gore in Florida and New Hampshire, giving the states and the election to George W. Bush.

The independent presidential candidate won less than 0.5 percent of the vote in Florida, while Bush led Kerry by 5 percentage points. Four years ago, Nader won about 2 percent — more than 97,000 votes. Democrats believe most of those votes would have gone to Gore, who lost the state by 537 votes.

GOP secures hold on Southern legislatures

Parity retained with Democrat wins elsewhere

BY JUSTIN POPE

The Associated Press

State legislative elections in 44 states Tuesday solidified two dominant trends of recent years: Republican gains in the South, but enough Democratic victories elsewhere to ensure continued parity between the parties nationwide.

The GOP swept to a spectacular victory in the Georgia House and picked up two seats in the Tennessee Senate to gain its first elected majority in those bodies since Reconstruction. It also gained the Oklahoma House for the first time in 83 years.

But Democrats fought to a tie in the Iowa Senate, regained the Vermont House and broke a 15-15 tie in the Oregon Senate. In Washington, they retook the Senate and appeared poised to expand their House majority.

In Colorado, Democrats had a strong chance at a surprise victory in their battle to retake both the House and Senate, with the key races still undecided early Wednesday.

Heading into Election Day, Republicans held both chambers in 21 states, the Democrats had both in 17, and control was divided in 11 (Nebraska has just one legislative chamber and is officially non-partisan).

Those figures did not appear likely to change dramatically.

The total number of legislative seats separating the two parties nationwide also was expected to stay extraordinarily tight. Out of more than 7,000 legislative seats nationwide, Republicans held an edge of about 60 nationwide coming into Election Day. As of early Wednesday, 3,647 Republican candidates had won or were leading, just 17 more than Democrats.

"The Republicans really solidified their hold on the South," said Tim Storey, senior fellow and elections analyst at the National Conference of State Legislatures. "At the same time, Democrats made pretty substantial gains in other parts of the country.... If you throw in Democratic gains in the governor's races, the Democrats are going to wind up controlling some states."

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Countdown to its
reign in Senate

BY LARRY MARGASAK

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans topped Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, winning their biggest Senate prize after sweeping through the South to enlarge the GOP majority.

Republicans were assured of 53 Senate seats after winning races Tuesday in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Louisiana — where the GOP won its first seat since Reconstruction.

Undecided races in Florida and Alaska will determine the final sweep of victory for Republicans, who currently have a 51-48 margin, plus a Democratic-leaning independent.

Democrats had a nearly insurmountable hurdle to take control of the Senate, since most of the competitive races were in states where President Bush won several Democratic all-but-ran as independents in futile efforts to squeak through.

The stronger Republican Senate likely will mean more votes to confirm nominees to the Supreme Court in a second Bush term. One Republican winner, Sen. Specter of Pennsylvania, is in line to become chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which holds confirmation hearings on court nominees.

In South, Republican Rep. Johnny Isakson's easy victory in Georgia was expected, but Republican Reps. Jim DeMint in South Carolina and Mark Pryor in North Carolina won more competitive races.

In Louisiana, Rep. David Vitter won an outright majority of more than 51 percent and avoided the runoff that under state law would have taken place Dec. 4 if he had not topped 50 percent.

Democrats had reason to cheer

in Illinois, where State Sen. Barack Obama easily won back a Republican seat.

The Democrats also will have the first Hispanic senator in more than a quarter century. Ken Salazar was narrowly elected in Colorado over Republican Rep. executive Pete Coors in a seat to replace the retiring Republican Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

In other notable races:

- Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, who was considered the most endangered Republican, was leading former Democratic Gov. Tony Knowles.

- Republican Mel Martinez, in Florida, held a slim lead over Democrat Betty Castor.

- Former Rep. Tom Coburn, a Republican, trounced Rep. Brad Carson in an Oklahoma race that turned out to be less competitive than predicted.

- Incumbent Republican Jim Bunning in Kentucky won a narrow victory over challenger Daniel Mongiardo.

Republicans who won new terms included Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, Kit Bond of Missouri, Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, George Voinovich of Ohio, Sam Brownback of Kansas, Robert Bennett of Utah, Charles Grassley of Iowa, Mike Crapo of Idaho, John McCain of Arizona and Specter.

Among Democratic incumbents, Sens. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, Evan Bayh of Indiana, Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, Byron Dorgan of North Dakota, Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, Charles Schumer of New York, Harry Reid of Nevada, Pat Murray of Washington, Barbara Boxer of California, Ron Wyden of Oregon and Daniel Inouye of Hawaii won new terms.



U.S. Senator-elect Barack Obama, D-Ill., holding his daughter Maliia, 6, acknowledges applause from supporters after giving his acceptance speech in Chicago on Tuesday night. Obama, only the fifth black U.S. senator to be elected in history, defeated Republican Alan Keyes in the nation's first Senate race with two black major-party candidates. Though Obama already has a national reputation, he must now live up to the huge expectations his candidacy has aroused.

AP

Expectations high for Obama

BY CHRISTOPHER WILLS

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Barack Obama's overwhelming victory in Illinois will make him only the fifth black U.S. senator in history — and one of the nation's brightest political stars.

Now comes the hard part.

The Chicago Democrat must live up to the huge expectations his candidacy has aroused and prove he can command attention in Washington.

"We have to remind ourselves that this is really the end of the beginning. This is not the end itself," Obama said in his victory speech Tuesday night. He won by 45 percentage points, collecting more votes than any Illinois politician in history.

"In the ultimate equation, we will not be measured by the margin of our victory, but we will be measured by whether we are able to deliver concrete improvements to the lives of so many people all across the state who are struggling," Obama said.

Obama's opponent, Republican Alan Keyes, didn't concede the race. Instead, he delivered a combative speech in which he vowed

to battle the political corruption that he says plagues Illinois.

But Obama's victory was undeniable.

With 96 percent of precincts reported, Obama had 70 percent, or 3,385,229 votes, and Keyes had 27 percent, or 1,301,719 votes, in unofficial returns. Two third-party candidates split the rest of the vote.

Obama's total was the largest in Illinois history, topping the 3 million collected by Republican Gov. James R. Thompson in 1976. His margin of victory, 2 million votes, broke the record of 1.574 million set by Republican Jim Edgar in the 1986 secretary of state race.

"I think what we showed is that all of us can disagree without being disagreeable, that we can set aside the scorched-earth politics, the slash-and-burn politics of the past," Obama said.

With two black candidates — a first in U.S. Senate history — the race guaranteed the election of only the fifth black senator. The last was Democrat Carol Mosley Braun, who lost her re-election bid to Fitzgerald in 1998.

Obama enters the Senate already boasting a national reputation and a list of politicians grateful for his help.

The 43-year-old liberal state senator from Chicago catapulted to political prominence with a stirring keynote address at the Democratic National Convention.

Running against Keyes, who never posed a serious threat, gave Obama the freedom to make the most of his new stardom. He was able to donate campaign money to other candidates instead of spending it on his own race and take time to appear at rallies and fund-raiser across the country.

"He's gonna walk in the door with a lot of friends," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

But the man Obama replaces, Republican Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, cautioned that Obama's high profile might work against him, especially among those thinking of future presidential campaigns.

"Some of my colleagues in the Senate may see him as competition," Fitzgerald said. "Some people will be grateful and will return the favor, but others ... may be secretly trying to undermine him."

Obama faces huge expectations for a man who hasn't even taken office yet. Exit polls showed that nearly half of Illinois voters agree he would make a good president.

White House helped topple Daschle

BY CHET BROKAW

The Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. — Sen. Tom Daschle added a dubious distinction to his long political career — he became the first Senate party leader in more than 50 years to be voted out of office. And the White House couldn't be happier.

With all of the state's precincts reported, Daschle had 193,279 votes, or 49 percent, while the Republican challenger, former Rep. John Thune, got 197,814 votes, or 51 percent.

The GOP had targeted Daschle, the Senate minority leader, claiming he had been the chief obstruction to President Bush on such issues as tax cuts, judicial nominees and the war in Iraq.

For example, he angered Republicans and unnerved a few Democrats when, with the nation on the brink of war with Iraq, he said he was "saddened that this president failed so miserably at diplomacy that we're now forced to war."

Daschle later said he regretted the timing of his criticism and expressed strong support for U.S. troops in Iraq.

Thune, 43, also argued that Daschle had lost touch with most South Dakotans, particularly on social issues such as abortion and gay marriage.

Daschle lost his seat after a bruising, \$26 million contest. He and Thune spent more than \$50 apiece

on each of the state's 502,000 registered voters, as of mid-October. That does not include the millions of dollars being spent by outside groups, most of them opposed to Daschle.

South Dakotans were bombarded for months by attack ads. Many households got stacks of mailings and several telephone calls a day in the campaign's final month.

South Dakota is a heavily Republican state but has traditionally sent Democrats to Washington. Daschle's rise to the top levels of government has given this sparsely populated rural state a lot of political clout, a point the 56-year-old senator made throughout his campaign.

Elected to the House in 1978 by just 139 votes and re-elected three times, Daschle went to the Senate in 1986, becoming minority leader in 1994 and majority leader in 2001. He returned to the minority leader job just 18 months later, after the 2002 midterm elections.

Daschle, who has driven across South Dakota each August for a decade to meet with constituents, had won his Senate re-elections easily before Tuesday.



Daschle

Senate results by state

As of 3:35 a.m. EST

State	First	Second	Third
AK, Richard Shelby (Dem)	67.6%	Robert Seward (Dem)	32.4%
AL, Lisa Murkowski (Rep)	50.6%	Tommy Knight (Dem)	49.4%
AR, John McCain (Rep)	76.2%	Steve Daines (Dem)	23.8%
AS, Barack Obama (Dem)	52.6%	Jim Hall (Rep)	47.4%
CA, Barbara Boxer (Dem)	67.4%	Bill Jones (Rep)	32.6%
CO, Ken Salazar (Rep)	52.3%	Pat Coors (Rep)	47.7%
CT, Chris Dodd (Dem)	66.6%	Jack O'Dell (Rep)	33.4%
DE, Joe Manchin (Rep)	50.2%	Jeffrey Costner (Rep)	49.8%
GA, Johnny Isakson (Rep)	59.4%	Denise Mathis (Dem)	40.6%
HI, Daniel Inouye (Dem)	76.6%	Constance Makela (Dem)	23.4%
IL, Barack Obama (Dem)	76.2%	John Brown (Rep)	23.8%
IN, Michael Chabers (Rep)	52.6%	Scott McCrory (Dem)	47.4%
IA, Barack Obama (Dem)	70.1%	Alan Keyes (Rep)	29.9%
KS, Bill Brown (Dem)	64.8%	Al Franken (Rep)	35.2%
KY, Mitch McConnell (Rep)	52.6%	Artur Smith (Dem)	47.4%
LA, David Vitter (Rep)	52.6%	Chris Norcross (Rep)	47.4%
ME, John Bennett (Rep)	52.6%	Steve Poole (Rep)	47.4%
MD, Robert Byrd (Dem)	52.6%	Scott McInnis (Rep)	47.4%
MA, John Kerry (Rep)	52.6%	Chris Kennedy (Dem)	47.4%
MT, Jon Tester (Rep)	52.6%	Al Franken (Rep)	47.4%
NH, John Warner (Rep)	52.6%	Al Franken (Rep)	47.4%
NJ, Christopher Christie (Rep)	52.6%	Al Franken (Rep)	47.4%
NM, Jeff Flake (Rep)	52.6%	Al Franken (Rep)	47.4%
NY, Charles Schumer (Dem)	70.1%	Howard M. (Rep)	29.9%
NC, Mike DeWine (Rep)	52.6%	Al Franken (Rep)	47.4%
ND, Byron Dorgan (Dem)	66.6%	Mike Liffing (Rep)	33.4%
NE, George Voinovich (Rep)	52.6%	Al Franken (Rep)	47.4%
OK, Tom Coburn (Rep)	52.6%	Brad Carson (Dem)	47.4%
OR, Ron Wyden (Dem)	52.6%	Al Franken (Rep)	47.4%
PA, Arlen Specter (Rep)	52.6%	John Henshaw (Dem)	47.4%
RI, John Chafee (Rep)	52.6%	Al Franken (Rep)	47.4%
SD, John Thune (Rep)	51.2%	Tom Daschle (Dem)	48.8%
TN, Mike DeWine (Rep)	52.6%	Al Franken (Rep)	47.4%
TX, Rick Warren (Rep)	52.6%	Al Franken (Rep)	47.4%
UT, Robert Bennett (Rep)	52.6%	Al Franken (Rep)	47.4%
VA, Mark Warner (Rep)	52.6%	Al Franken (Rep)	47.4%
WA, Pat Murray (Dem)	52.6%	Al Franken (Rep)	47.4%
WY, Russ Pritchett (Rep)	52.6%	Tom Daschle (Dem)	48.8%

AP

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Republicans extend control of U.S. House

Nearly all incumbents sail to re-election

BY ALAN FRAM
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans extended their decade-long hold on the House for another two years and were on their way to slightly expanding their majority, knocking off four veteran Texas Democrats along the way.

Among their few setbacks was the defeat of the longest serving GOP member of the chamber, Rep. Phil Crane of Illinois. In a familiar pattern, 98 percent of incumbents seeking re-election prevailed or were leading.

Tuesday's voting left Republicans ready to control the House for a dozen consecutive years, the first time they have achieved that feat since the 12 years that ended in January 1933. With the GOP also renewing its command of the Senate, the party was assured of reigning over Congress, though with narrow majorities that should allow Democrats to slow and even derail some Republican initiatives.

GOP leaders were jubilant. The two chambers' leaders, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., were already planning their agenda.

"One of the first things that Senator Frist and I want to do ... is make sure that we can continue to supply better health care for the American people," Hastert said. "Take care of those people who don't have it. Also work and make sure that we take care of our men and women who are fighting overseas and to make this country even stronger against terrorist attack."

By early Wednesday morning in the East, Republicans had won 228 seats and were leading in five others, which could give them at least 233 seats. That would be an effective four-seat gain for the GOP. Democrats had 199 seats and led in two.

There are 435 seats in the House, with 218 needed for majority control.

Republicans hold a 227-205 advantage over Democrats in the outgoing House, plus two vacant seats formerly held by Republicans who have retired and one independent who sides with Democrats.

The failure of either party to make dramatic House gains underscored that the national debates over Iraq and the economy provided no decisive help to either side.

Months after Texas' dominant state Republican redrew congressional districts to the GOP's advantage, the fiercely disputed plan bore fruit and fueled the party's ability to hold its House majority. Among its chief architects were Texas Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, himself easily re-elected.

Texas Democratic Reps. Charles Stenholm, a leading fiscal conservative and power on



Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., reacts Tuesday to winning re-election in Norwalk, Conn., with his daughter Jeremy, left, and wife Betal, center, at his side. Shays was among many incumbents to win.

the Agriculture Committee, and Martin Frost, a one-time member of his party's leadership, were both defeated, as were Reps. Max Sandlin and Nick Lampson. The four had a total of 68 years of House experience.

Nick Clooney, former Cincinnati television anchor and father of actor George Clooney, lost his attempt to hold an open northeastern Kentucky seat for Democrats. He was beaten by GOP businessman Geoff Davis.

Democrats fared better in the well-to-do suburbs north of Chicago

elect to the Senate.

Democrats also forced freshman GOP Rep. Max Burns, a top target of theirs, to battle for re-election from a Democratic-leaning east Georgia district. Republican Nancy Napjes was trailing in her attempt to hold an open seat for her party in a district around Buffalo, N.Y., and Democrats retained seats that Republicans fought hard for in South Dakota, Missouri and Oregon.

In Connecticut, the GOP overcame Democratic efforts to tie some Republican incumbents

President Bush, whose popularity is low there. Maverick GOP Rep. Christopher Shays and former CIA agent Rep. Rob Simmons staved off Democratic rivals.

A pair of Louisiana seats will be decided in Dec. 4 run-offs, with each party expected to hold onto one.

Frost's bitter race against GOP Rep. Pete Sessions was the country's most expensive; the pair raised \$8.4 million by late October, split almost equally. Stenholm was defeated by freshman Rep. Randy Neugebauer in a district in which two-thirds of the voters were new to Stenholm.

Only one Texas Democrat threatened by redistricting was able to survive: Rep. Chet Edwards, despite the influence of one of his Crawford, Texas, constituents, President Bush.

Nearly all incumbents from

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House of Representatives by state

As of 8:41 a.m. EST

98.7% of precincts reporting

STATE	Total seats	Republicans	Democrats	Other
Ala.	7	5	2	0
Alaska	1	1	0	0
Ariz.	8	6	2	0
Ark.	4	1	3	0
Calif.	53	20	33	0
Colo.	7	4	3	0
Conn.	5	3	2	0
Del.	1	1	0	0
Fla.	25	18	7	0
*Ga.	13	7	5	0
Hawaii	2	0	2	0
Idaho	2	2	0	0
Ill.	19	9	10	0
*Ind.	9	6	2	0
Iowa	5	4	1	0
Kan.	4	3	1	0
Ky.	6	5	1	0
*La.	7	4	1	0
Maine	2	0	2	0
Md.	8	2	6	0
Mass.	10	0	10	0
Mich.	15	9	6	0
Minn.	8	4	4	0
Miss.	4	2	2	0
Mo.	9	5	4	0
Mont.	1	1	0	0
Neb.	3	3	0	0
Nev.	3	2	1	0
N.J.	2	2	0	0
N.J.	13	6	7	0
N.M.	3	2	1	0
*N.Y.	29	9	19	0
*Ohio	13	7	6	0
N.D.	1	0	1	0
Ohio	18	12	6	0
Okl.	5	4	1	0
Ore.	5	1	4	0
*Pa.	19	11	7	0
R.I.	2	0	2	0
S.C.	6	4	2	0
S.D.	1	0	1	0
Tenn.	9	4	5	0
Texas	32	21	11	0
Utah	3	2	1	0
Vt.	1	0	0	1
Va.	11	8	3	0
*Wash.	9	2	6	0
W.Va.	3	1	2	0
Wis.	8	4	4	0
Wyo.	1	1	0	0
Total	435	228	199	1

*State results incomplete

coast to coast sailed to re-election, including former presidential candidate Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio.

Also returned for a second House term was Rep. Katherine Harris, R-Fla., who was her state's secretary of state during the pivotal Florida recount during the 2000 presidential election.

Four candidates with congressional pedigrees triumphed. Democrat Daniel Lipinski won the Chicago seat held by his father, William, for 22 years; Democrat Dan Boren of Oklahoma, son of a former senator, won a House seat; and Democrat Russ Carnahan, whose mother and grandfather were in Congress, won in Missouri. Republican Connie Mack IV's son, of the former senator, grabbed the Fort Myers, Fla., seat vacated by Porter Goss when he was chosen to head the CIA.

In addition, Republican Billy Tauzin III faced a runoff for the Louisiana seat from which his father is stepping down.

Though both parties — and outside political groups — spent hundreds of millions of dollars on this year's House races, all but a mere three dozen were considered locked up in advance of Tuesday's balloting.

The lack of major change illustrated the rock-solid advantages held by many candidates — mostly incumbents — in fund raising and in districts drawn to favor one party or the other.

Hastert and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., both easily breezed to new terms.

As usual, many House races revolved around local issues and personalities. To the degree that the presidential race and the war, terrorism, jobs or other national issues were prominent, they were generally shaded to regional tastes.

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Calif. OKs stem cell money; mixed pot returns

BY DAVID CRARY

The Associated Press

Californians voted Tuesday to spend \$3 billion on stem cell research, putting the state on the cutting edge of a field questioned by conservatives and the Bush administration. Arizonaans approved a crackdown on illegal immigrants, and 11 states from Georgia to Oregon adopted bans on same-sex marriages.

Elsewhere, Montana became the 10th state to legalize marijuana for medical purposes, but Alaskans defeated a more ambitious proposal to decriminalize pot altogether. In Oregon, voters rejected a measure that would have dramatically expanded its existing medical marijuana program.

Federal drug czar John Walters was heartened by the outcome in Alaska.

"This public health victory reaffirms the simple, inescapable fact that no family, no community, no state is better off with more drug use," he said.

In all, 163 measures were on the ballots in 34 states. Backers of California's Proposition 71, which will support human embryonic stem cell research, said the measure was needed because the Bush administration has restricted funding to about \$25 million a year. The campaign became a battle of Hollywood stars after actor-turned-governor Arnold



Robert Klein, chairman of YES on Proposition 71, the stem cell research initiative, celebrates with Tessa Wick, left, and her mother, Lucy Fisher, in Los Angeles on Tuesday. Proposition 71 will create a new state medical research institute that will give out grants and loans for stem cell research in California.

Schwarzenegger broke Republican ranks to line up support with late "Superman" actor Christopher Reeve and "Family Ties" actor Michael J. Fox.

Actor and director Mel Gibson

was among high-profile foes of the measure.

The Arizona immigration initiative — the first of its kind in the nation — was touted by supporters as a way to curtail fraud by requiring

people to produce proof of immigration status when obtaining certain government services. It would punish state workers who looked the other way, and require proof of citizenship to register to vote.

Arizona is the busiest illegal entry point on the U.S.-Mexico border, and spends millions annually to provide food stamps, welfare and other social services to illegal immigrants.

Floridians and Nevadans voted to raise their states' minimum wage to \$6.15 an hour, a dollar higher than the federal minimum wage. The new Nevada wage will apply only to employers who do not offer health insurance.

Florida voters also approved a measure limiting the privacy rights of girls seeking abortions, meaning the Legislature can now pass a law requiring parents to be notified. Lawmakers had been stymied in efforts to pass such a law by court rulings that say they violated the privacy provision of the state constitution.

Colorado defeated a measure which would have allocated its electoral votes proportionally, based on the popular vote for president, and would have applied to this year's race.

Voters in Maine and South Dakota both declined opportunities to lower taxes. South Dakotans defeated a bid to scrap the sales tax on groceries, while a measure to cap property taxes lost in Maine after opponents said it would force

layoffs of teachers and firefighters.

In Washington, voters rejected a penny-on-the-dollar sales-tax increase to raise money for education, turning down a well-financed appeal for greater investment in the state's young people.

Voters in Colorado, Oklahoma and Montana approved hikes in tobacco taxes, with most of the new revenue earmarked for health care. In Alaska and Maine, voters defeated proposals to ban the use of bait while hunting bears.

Oklahoma voters approved a state lottery, leaving only nine states without one.

In Florida, doctors prevailed with an amendment limiting the percentage of malpractice awards that lawyers can claim. But attorneys won amendments to give the public more information about doctors' mistakes and to take away the licenses of doctors who make several medical errors.

In Wyoming, voters rejected a proposed amendment that would have let lawmakers consider limiting jury awards for pain and suffering while Nevada voters approved a physician-backed initiative that would impose a \$350,000 cap on non-economic damages in malpractice cases.

Californians turned aside a proposition that would have weakened the state's three-strikes law by allowing 25 years-to-life sentences only if third-time felons were convicted of a serious or violent crime.

Same-sex marriage ban amendments pass in 11 states

BY LARRY MCSHANE

The Associated Press

Gay rights activists received a rebuke from the Deep South to North Dakota as voters in 11 states approved constitutional amendments to ban same-sex marriage in a clean sweep for proponents of traditional one-man, one-woman unions.

"The results just go to show that the citizens... clearly understand the value of natural marriage," said Christina Rondeau, director of the North Dakota Family Alliance, a group that supported the amendment.

The margin Tuesday in North Dakota was 3-1 in favor — the same as in Georgia and Kentucky as the proposal passed in all 11 states where it was on the ballot. The margin was 6-1 in Mississippi, while the amendment was also approved in Arkansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma and Utah.

The issue was put on the ballot in six states through petition drives waged by conservative, church-backed citizens groups. But support of the amendment appeared widespread: Ohio, it received equal support from men and women, blacks and whites.

Gay-rights activists quickly raised the possibility of court challenges in Georgia, Ohio and Mississippi, although supporters predicted the new laws would hold up.

"Will there be a challenge? Prob-



Same-sex couple Taylor West, left, and Ann Huhard react to early results on Measure 36 on Tuesday in Portland, Ore. The Portland couple were married in Oregon on March 4 after being together for 15 years. But Oregonians approved a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage on Tuesday, disappointing gay-rights groups that had pinned their hopes on the state.

ably, probably," said Monte Stewart of the pro-amendment "Yes on Three Coalition" in Utah. "Will it succeed? No."

The most disappointing outcome for gay activists was in Oregon, where supporters of same-sex marriage felt they had the best chance of success.

For gay rights groups, the one-sided results, while disheartening, were optimistically seen as just one strike in an ongoing fight.

The votes will become "a blip in

the longer term historic view," said Karl Olson, executive director of the gay-rights group PRIDE in Montana. "Our constitution isn't going to be able to sustain this kind of restriction on civil rights."

The proposed amendments in Mississippi, Montana and Oregon referred only to marriage, specifying that it should be limited to unions of one man and one woman. The measures in Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma

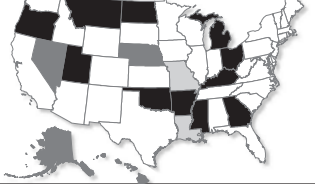
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Same-sex marriage bans approved

Eleven states approved amendments on their Nov. 2 ballots prohibiting same-sex marriage. Same-sex marriage was not legal in the states where the issue was on the ballot, but amendment supporters wanted to guard against future court rulings.

State constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage

■ Voted to enact Nov. 2 ■ Adopted in previous years ■ Adopted this year



and Utah called for a ban on civil unions as well.

Earlier this year, voters in Missouri and Louisiana came out in favor of gay marriage ban amendments. Louisiana's amendment was later struck down in state court on the grounds that it improperly dealt with more than one subject by banning not only

same-sex marriage but also any legal recognition of common-law relationships, domestic partnerships and civil unions.

Gay-rights activists intend to press marriage-rights lawsuits in states like California and New Jersey, where they believe the high courts might eventually rule in their favor.

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State-by-state roundup of contests

A nine-page wrap-up of key races and results across the nation

Northeast



The following is a state-by-state wrap-up of key races in the Northeast. The states included in this region are: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

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CONNECTICUT

PRESIDENT (7) — Kerry by nearly 10 percentage points.

SENATE — Democrat incumbent Chris Dodd skated past GOP challenger Jack Orchulli.

HOUSE — Remains 3R, 2D. Two Republican incumbents, Chris Shays and Rob Simmons, beat out challengers Diane Farrell and Jim Sullivan.

EXIT POLL — More than half of voters said they opposed the Iraq war, and nine in 10 of those voted for Kerry.

DELAWARE

PRESIDENT (3) — Kerry won as many voters cast ballots in opposition to Bush rather than supporting the Massachusetts senator.

GOVERNOR — Incumbent Ruth Ann Minner won a second term against Republican Bill Lee after last-minute blitz of negative campaign ads.

HOUSE — 1R. Republican

Michael Castle coasted to success with support from Democrats and unaffiliated voters.

EXIT POLL — Kerry got a boost from voters who said they were casting ballots against Bush.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PRESIDENT (3) — No surprise here: Kerry won handily in a city as Democratic as Wyoming is Republican.

HOUSE — Remains 1D. Eleanor Holmes Norton, a Democrat, captured an eighth term as shadow delegate who can vote in committee but not on the House floor. Norton has been a big proponent of D.C. statehood.

OTHER — Former Mayor Marion Barry resuscitated his political career yet again, winning a seat to city council. Barry was once caught smoking crack on an FBI videotape.

EXIT POLL — Seven of 10 voters said they were worried about another terrorist attack in the U.S. Nine of 10 voters cast ballots for Kerry.



Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., left, gives his acceptance speech as longtime supporter Frank DiPaolo cheers him on during a celebration in Johnston on Tuesday night. Kennedy beat Republican opponent Dave Rogers for his sixth term representing a state that voted overwhelmingly Democratic.

AP photos

MAINE

PRESIDENT (4) — Kerry defeated Bush, ending speculation the president could pick off one electoral vote in the north. The state allows votes to be split by congressional district.

HOUSE — Remains 2D. A day for incumbents: In the 1st District, Democratic Rep. Tom Allen beat GOP challenger Charlie Summers. In the 2nd, freshman Democratic Rep. Michael Michaud defeated Brian Hamel.

PROPOSITIONS — Mainers rejected an initiative to cap property taxes at 1 percent of assessed value. Sportsmen led a successful campaign to defeat a ban on using bait, hounds and traps to hunt bears.

EXIT POLL — Voters surveyed listed Iraq as their top issue and expressed a need for change. Mainers were divided on whether the country's safer from terrorism.

MARYLAND

PRESIDENT (10) — With a double-digit lead in a Democratic safe state, Kerry breezed to victory.

SENATE — Democratic Sen. Barbara Mikulski easily survived challenge from millionaire state Sen. E.J. Pipkin, then celebrated by saying, "We are a blue state. We are neon blue. We are cobalt blue. We are blue in the face."

HOUSE — 6D, 2R. Rep. Steny Hoyer, No. 2 ranking Democrat in the House, and seven other incumbents coasted. None dipped below 60 percent of the vote.

EXIT POLL — About three-quarters of voters who said they were financially better off than they were four years ago cast ballots for Bush. Those worse off tended to vote for Kerry.

MASSACHUSETTS

PRESIDENT (12) — Kerry easily captured his home state, winning by a wide margin.

HOUSE — 10D. Voters re-

turned all Democratic incumbents to Capitol Hill, including Rep. James McGovern, who defeated a GOP leader of the anti-gay marriage movement in Massachusetts.

LEGISLATURE — Republicans lost three legislative seats, the most fiercely contested elections in a decade.

EXIT POLL — Six of 10 voters disapproved of the president's decision to go to war in Iraq; those voters overwhelmingly supported Kerry.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESIDENT (4) — Kerry became the first Democrat since Woodrow Wilson in 1912 to beat a sitting Republican president in New Hampshire. Four college towns accounted for about 80 per-

cent of Kerry's narrow margin statewide.

SENATE — GOP Sen. Judd Gregg won 2 to 1 against 94-year-old Doris "Granny D" Haddock, scrappy but underfunded advocate for campaign-finance reform.

GOVERNOR — Democrats bucked the historical trend again as John Lynch denied an incumbent governor a second term for the first time since 1926. He unseated Republican Craig Benson after attacking him during the campaign as a failed business leader.

HOUSE — Remains 2R. Five-term GOP Rep. Charles Bass breezed past Democrat Paul Hodes, coming close even in Hodes' hometown of Concord.

EXIT POLL — Anger over the war in Iraq turned the vote for Kerry.



Former Washington Mayor Marion Barry takes a call on his cell phone Tuesday night. Barry, who was once videotaped by the FBI smoking crack and spent time in jail, resurrected his political career Tuesday when residents of one of the District of Columbia's poorest sections picked Barry to be their new councilman.



U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., hugs his mother, Selma Schumer, during his victory party in New York on Tuesday. The senator easily defeated Republican Howard Mills and Conservative Marilyn O'Grady in his bid for a second term.

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U.S. Rep. Rob Simmons, R-Conn., waves his sport jacket following his victory over Democratic nominee Jim Sullivan in Mystic, Conn. Simmons won his second term as representative of Connecticut's 2nd District.

NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT (15) — What close race? Kerry wins state decisively.

HOUSE — Remains 7D, 6R. Republican Rep. Mike Ferguson gets third term in 7th District, defeating former Marine Steve Brozak, despite Brozak's high profile gained by speaking slot at the Democratic National Convention and prominent boosters such as former New Jersey U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley.

PROPOSITIONS — Residents upset about high property taxes in towns of Verona and Cedar Grove voted to secede from Essex County. Such a move requires approval by the state Legislature, which even township officials say is extremely unlikely.

EXIT POLL — Opposition to the Iraq war, and dismay over its course, key to Kerry win.

NEW YORK

PRESIDENT (31) — Kerry prevailed in state that has five Democrats for every three Republicans.

SENATE — Democrat Charles Schumer, with \$26 million war chest, easily triumphed over Republican Howard Mills and Conservative Marilyn O'Grady in bid for second term.

HOUSE — 19D, 10R. Two Republicans — Jack Quinn and Amo Houghton — retired, and Democrat Brian Higgins and Republican Nancy Naples duelled for Quinn's seat, though the race was too close to declare a winner Wednesday.

EXIT POLL — Roman Catholics, a group that made up two-fifths of the voters in New York, split evenly between Bush and Kerry, and white Catholics supported Bush three to two. Eight in 10 Jewish voters chose Kerry.

PENNSYLVANIA

PRESIDENT (21) — Kerry took the Keystone State by 2 percentage points; Al Gore took the state by 4.2 points in 2000.

SENATE — Moderate Republican Sen. Arlen Specter defeated

Democratic Rep. Joe Hoeffel to secure a fifth term; he's likely to chair Senate Judiciary Committee, with authority to help reshape Supreme Court as justices retire.

HOUSE — Remains 12R, 7D. Republican freshman Rep. Jim Gerlach and Democrat Lois Murphy were deadlocked; incumbent parties held onto remaining seats, including the one Hoeffel left to run for Senate.

OTHER — State Auditor General Robert P. Casey Jr., son of the late former governor, was elected treasurer while eyeing a second run for governor — possibly in 2010.

EXIT POLL — Fence-sitters who made up their mind in the last month favored Kerry by a sizable margin.

RHODE ISLAND

PRESIDENT (4) — Kerry, strongly.

HOUSE — Remains 2D. Voters overwhelmingly sent Democratic Reps. Patrick Kennedy and Jim Langevin to subsequent terms in Washington. Kennedy was elected to a sixth term; Langevin a third.



Vermont Gov. James Douglas kisses his wife, Dorothy, to celebrate his victory in Montpelier, Vt. Douglas defeated Democratic challenger Peter Clavelle, mayor of Burlington.

PROPOSITIONS — Ballot measure to authorize a constitutional convention was defeated.

EXIT POLL — About seven in 10 voters said they made up their minds more than a month ago about which candidate to choose for president.

VERMONT

PRESIDENT (3) — Kerry an easy victor in a state that has backed Democrats by no fewer than 10 points in past three elections.

SENATE — Democrat Patrick Leahy, 30-year Senate veteran, sailed to victory over challenger Jack McMullen.

GOVERNOR — Republican incumbent James Douglas never lost a steady lead over Democrat Peter Clavelle, mayor of Burlington.

HOUSE — Remains 1 Ind. Rep. Bernie Sanders, House's only independent, won easy re-election.

EXIT POLL — First state with same-sex civil unions is getting to like them. State was split in 2000; now less than a quarter opposed and nearly half support same-sex marriage.

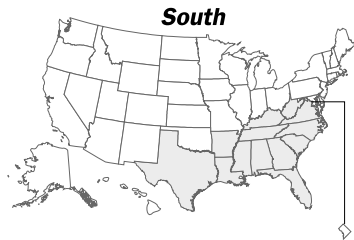


Delaware Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, a Democrat, beat opponent Bill Lee after a last-minute blitz of negative campaign ads.



Supporters greet U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and his wife, Joan, at his election-night headquarters in Philadelphia. Specter defeated Democrat challenger, Rep. Joe Hoeffel.

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The states included in this region are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

ALABAMA

PRESIDENT (9) — Bush won by 26 percentage points, despite Democrats' bid to rally voters for Kerry.

SENATE — GOP Sen. Richard Shelby easily claimed a fourth term, marking his 10th straight election to congressional or state office in three decades.

HOUSE — Current: SR, 2D. All incumbents won, including first-term Republican Rep. Mike Rogers, who sought re-election in a district Democrats had hoped to capture.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters were divided over a measure to repeal segregation-era language from the state constitution. The measure, which remained undecided early Wednesday, drew criticism from opponents who claimed it could trigger a court order to increase public school funding, triggering a potential tax increase.

EXIT POLL — Bush won in every age range, including 18-to-24-year-old voters and more than two-thirds of those over 65.

ARKANSAS

PRESIDENT (6) — Bush benefited from heavy conservative turnout for anti-gay marriage amendment, winning by larger margin than his 2000 victory over Al Gore.



Senatorial candidate Rep. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., center, reacts with Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., right, and Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue as he speaks during an election night Tuesday in Atlanta. Isakson defeated Rep. Denise Majette, D-Ga., for the U.S. Senate.

SENATE — Blanche Lincoln won second term, easily surviving bid by state Sen. Jim Holt, who called liberal federal judges a greater threat to the nation than terrorists.

HOUSE — Remains 3D, 1R. Incumbents coasted.

PROPOSITIONS — Anti-gay marriage approved by 3-1 margin. Voters also gave Legislature permission to OK incentives for large businesses wanting to invest in state.

EXIT POLL — Voters who believe the nation is safer from terrorism now than in 2000 went for Bush by a 9-1 margin.

FLORIDA

PRESIDENT (27) — President Bush claimed victory in the nation's top battleground state, four years after it took a 36-day recount and U.S. Supreme Court decision to settle the battle of Florida.

SENATE — Republican Mel Martinez defeated Democrat Betty Castor in a tight race to succeed retiring Democratic Sen. Bob Graham. Castor conceded Wednesday morning. Martinez would be state's first Hispanic senator. Castor its second female senator.

HOUSE — 18R, 7D. Republican Rep. Katherine Harris, vilified by Democrats while she served as secretary of state during 2000 recount, won in rematch with Sarasota attorney Jan Schneider.



Kentucky Democratic Senate candidate Daniel Mongiardo holds his niece Anika Thacker while shaking the hands of supporters after giving his concession speech Tuesday at a hotel in downtown Lexington. Incumbent Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., won a narrow victory over Mongiardo.

Republican Connie Mack IV, son of the ex-senator, took seat given up by new CIA director Porter Goss.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters approved a \$1-an-hour hike in the state minimum wage and approved an initiative to limit privacy rights of girls under age 18, so that law could be changed to require parental notice if minors seek abortions.

EXIT POLL — Nearly eight in 10 voters picked their candidate more than a month ago. Kerry got a strong majority from people who made up their minds over the last month.

GEORGIA

PRESIDENT (15) — Bush trumped his 2000 margin of victory, getting 59 percent of the vote this time, compared to 55 percent then.

SENATE — "Cream always rises to the top," said retiring Sen. Zell Miller, a maverick Democrat, about his GOP replacement, Rep. Johnny Isakson. Denise Majette was trounced in her bid to become the state's first black senator.

HOUSE — Democratic newcomer John Barrow and Republican freshman Rep. Max Burns remained locked in a race too close to call.

Democrat Jim Marshall easily survived a GOP threat, while Democrat Cynthia McKinney clinched the seat she lost two years ago to Majette.

PROPOSITIONS — Opponents of the state's new constitutional ban on gay marriages vowed to take it to the courts after it passed by more than a 3-to-1 margin.

EXIT POLL — With touch-screen machines in every precinct, nine of 10 voters said they were confident their votes would be accurately counted.

KENTUCKY

PRESIDENT (8) — Bush trounced Kerry, another big Southern loss for the Massachusetts senator.

SENATE — GOP incumbent Jim Bunning won in a squeaker over Daniel Mongiardo, denying the Democrats a potential pickup in the Senate.

Bunning's odd behavior in the campaign's final days made it close.

HOUSE — Current, 4R, 2D; new SR, 1D. Republican businessman Geoff Davis picked up the seat of retiring Democrat Ken Lucas in conservative district. Davis beat Nick Clooney, father of actor George Clooney.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters approved amendment banning gay marriage passed overwhelmingly; opponents plan a challenge in the courts.

OTHER — Former Gov. Julian Carroll, a Democrat, made a return to politics with a state Senate win over the governor's brother, Republican Harold Fletcher.

EXIT POLL — Nearly three-fourths of voters who described themselves as evangelical or born-again Christians backed Bush, and six in 10 supported Bunning.

LOUISIANA

PRESIDENT (9) — Bush easily took the state that neighbors his native Texas.

SENATE — Rep. David Vitter won a slim majority and barely avoided a runoff, becoming the first Republican from Louisiana to serve in the Senate since Reconstruction.

HOUSE — Remains SR, 2D. Republican Bobby Jindal, who lost the governor's race last year, won to become the first Indian American in Congress. Republican Billy Tauzin III advanced to Dec. 4 runoff for the seat vacated by his father. He'll face Democrat Charlie Melancon.

PROPOSITIONS — Amendment established constitutional right to hunt and fish.

EXIT POLL — Although women nationwide were more likely to vote for Kerry, Bush was the choice of 60 percent of Louisiana's women.

MISSISSIPPI

PRESIDENT (6) — Bush swept in a state that has gone Republican in every presidential election since 1980.

HOUSE — Remains 2R, 2D. All four of Mississippi's incumbent congressmen won re-election, including Democrat Bennie Thompson, who faced a rematch against Republican Clinton LeBeur in a poor, primarily rural district stretching through the Delta.

PROPOSITIONS — A constitutional amendment banning gay marriage passed overwhelmingly; opponents plan a challenge in the courts.

EXIT POLL — Nine of 10 voters supported Bush's handling of the war in Iraq in a state that has 400,000 soldiers who either served there or are preparing to.



Maria Maniatakis of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., keeps her fingers crossed as she watches election returns in the ballroom at the Radisson Hotel in Jacksonville during a Democratic party's election night party on Tuesday.

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Louie Gohmert, R-Tyler, addresses supporters Tuesday, in Tyler, Texas, flanked by his wife, Kathy, right, and daughter, Sarah, 15. Gohmert, a former appeals court judge, defeated eight-year incumbent Max Sandlin.

AP photos

NORTH CAROLINA

PRESIDENT (15) — Bush handily wins state traditionally in GOP column.

SENATE — Rep. Richard Burr won John Edwards' old seat, defeating former Clinton aide Erskine Bowles, who became a two-time loser after falling in the 2002 Senate race to Elizabeth Dole.

GOVERNOR — Incumbent Mike Easley won a second term, defeating GOP challenger Patrick Ballantine with a campaign that argued that Easley effectively led the state through tough fiscal times.

HOUSE — Remains 7R, 6D. For the third straight election, no seats changed party hands as Republican Charles Taylor won an eighth term, beating challenger Patsy Kreever in western 11th District.

EXIT POLL — Republican appeals to moral and faith issues were effective; one quarter of Bush supporters said religious

faith was their most important presidential quality.

SOUTH CAROLINA

PRESIDENT (8) — Bush rolls with about 58 percent, a margin almost identical to his victory in 2000.

SENATE — Rep. Jim DeMint picked up an extra seat for the Republican Party despite a tough challenge from Democratic state Education Superintendent Inez Tennenbaum. Both hoped to succeed retiring Democratic Sen. Ernest "Fritz" Hollings.

HOUSE — Remains 4D, 2D. Republican Bob Inglis easily captured the 4th District seat, which he gave up six years ago. It came open when DeMint began his quest for Senate.

PROPOSITIONS — Ballot question lifting the requirement that bars and restaurants pour drinks from miniature bottles of liquor like those used on airlines was approved by a 3-2 margin.

EXIT POLL — Bush grabbed

support from about 21 percent of minority men but only from about 12 percent of minority women. The state's population is almost 30 percent black.

TENNESSEE

PRESIDENT (11) — Blowout for Bush, who recaptured 2000 rival Al Gore's home state in 14-percent point landslide.

HOUSE — Remains 5D, 4R. All incumbents win another term. Democrat Lincoln Davis had the only serious race — a repeat of his 2002 victory over Tullahoma alderwoman Janice Bowling.

EXIT POLL — A third of Tennessee voters said "moral values" was the most important issue in choosing a president. Of those voters, nine of 10 chose Bush.

TEXAS

PRESIDENT (34) — What did you expect? Bush, former governor and favorite son of Crawford, claimed state and nation's second-largest trove of electoral votes.

HOUSE — 21R, 11D. After GOP-led redistricting, Chet Edwards was only one of five incumbent Democrats to win competitive races in Republican-tilted districts. Losers were Martin Frost, Max Sandlin, Nick Lampson and Charlie Stenholm.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters in Arlington, home of the Texas Rangers, approved a tax hike to pay half the \$650 million price tag for new Dallas Cowboys stadium.

EXIT POLL — Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed said they supported Bush's decision to invade Iraq. Bush also majority of the Hispanic vote, improving on his mark of four years ago.

VIRGINIA

PRESIDENT (13) — It looked close early on, but Bush picked up the rural vote, allowing Republicans to keep alive their presiden-

crat Jim Moran holds onto seat despite comments perceived as anti-Semitic.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters in state hit by Sept. 11 attackers backed constitutional amendment expanding list of successors to governor in event of an emergency.

OTHER — L. Douglas Wilder goes from first black elected governor in country's history to 1992 presidential candidate and now mayor of his hometown, Richmond. He beats the incumbent in a landslide.

EXIT POLL — Veterans in Virginia, home of several major military bases, went strongly for Bush, not the Vietnam-serving Kerry.

WEST VIRGINIA

PRESIDENT (5) — Bush's 12 percentage-point win doubled his winning margin in 2000.

GOVERNOR — Democratic Secretary of State Joe Manchin received 64 percent of the vote to defeat Republican Monty Warner and Mountain Party candidate Jesse Johnson in three-way race. Gov. Bob Wise did not seek re-election.

HOUSE — Remains 2D, 1R. West Virginia's three House members, including lone GOP member Shelley Moore Capito, were re-elected.

PROPOSITIONS — Veterans who served in Kosovo, Afghanistan or Iraq to receive cash bonus.

EXIT POLL — Seven in 10 voters said someone in their household owns a gun, and more than three in five of them voted for Bush.

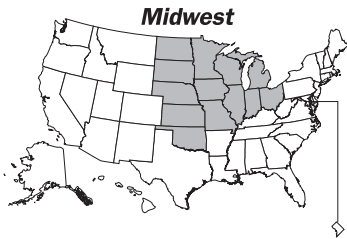


West Virginia Gov.-elect Joe Manchin makes a point Wednesday during his announcement of his transition team at a news conference at the Radisson Hotel in Morgantown.



Libby Samford and other residents of Westminster, S.C., use touch-screen voting machines to cast their ballots Tuesday at the American Legion Post 107. This was the first election in South Carolina to use the machines, which replaced the old voting booths at the hall.

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The states included in this region are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin.



Illinois U.S. Senator-elect Barack Obama, with wife Michelle, is only the fifth black U.S. Senator elected in history. He defeated Republican Alan Keyes in the nation's first Senate race with two black major-party candidates.

ILLINOIS

PRESIDENT (21) — Kerry, in a landslide.

SENATE — For the second time in 12 years, Illinois elected a black U.S. senator. Democrat Barack Obama easily bested Republican Alan Keyes in race for seat of retiring GOP Sen. Peter Fitzgerald. Keyes moved from Maryland after a sex scandal forced primary winner Jack Ryan out.

HOUSE — Old: 10R, 9D. New: 10D, 9R. Phil Crane, 35-year veteran congressman and most senior Republican in the House, lost to Democratic businesswoman Melissa Bean, who argued that his long service didn't add up to clout in the House.

EXIT POLL — One-third of conservatives and four of 10 Republicans chose Obama over the staunchly conservative Keyes.

INDIANA

PRESIDENT (11) — Bush rolled to easy victory in state that hasn't backed a Democrat for White House since Lyndon Johnson.

SENATE — Democratic incumbent Evan Bayh bested sociology professor Marvin Scott.

GOVERNOR — Former Bush budget director Mitch Daniels notched comfortable win over Democratic Gov. Joe Kernan, who took office last year upon death of Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

HOUSE — 6R, 3D before election. Race between GOP challenger Mike Sodrel and incumbent Democrat Baron Hill in 9th District too close to call early Wednesday. Hill win would maintain the pre-election party breakdown.

PROPOSITIONS — Ballot question passed that ensures homes, equipment can be exempted from property taxes.

EXIT POLL — Voters maintained his solid support from majority Republicans with about one of every six votes cast by Democrats, who make up less than one-third of Kansas voters.

IOWA

PRESIDENT (7) — With a batch of absentee ballots still not returned and less than a percentage point separating the candidates, the presidential race in Iowa remained too close to call.

SENATE — Sen. Charles Grassley, head of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, easily won re-election.

HOUSE — Remains 4R, 1D. All five incumbents were re-elected, including Rep. Leonard Boswell, who survived a second challenge from Des Moines attorney Stan Thompson.

EXIT POLL — Voters who thought the war in Iraq was most important chose Kerry. Those who thought the war on terrorism as the top issue picked Bush.

KANSAS

PRESIDENT (6) — Bush victory in GOP stronghold never in doubt.

SENATE — Republican incumbent Sam Brownback built a 70 percent majority with help from liberals and Democrats who preferred him over Democratic railroad engineer Lee Jones.

HOUSE — Remains 3R, 1D. Rep. Dennis Moore defeated conservative Republican Kris Kobach to win a fourth term with his widest margin yet.

PROPOSITIONS — A proposed bistate sales tax to benefit the arts as well as renovations of two professional sports stadiums in Kansas City, Mo., was soundly defeated in two counties on the Kansas side of the metropolitan area.



AP photos

Democratic Rep. Dennis Moore leads the crowd in a chorus of "This Land is Your Land" at his victory rally Tuesday in Overland Park, Kan. Moore beat Republican challenger Kris Kobach in the Kansas 3rd District race.

EXIT POLL — Bush supplemented his solid support from majority Republicans with about one of every six votes cast by Democrats, who make up less than one-third of Kansas voters.

SENATE — Republican Sen. Kit Bond, also a former two-term governor, handily defeated Democratic State Treasurer Nancy Farmer.

GOVERNOR — Republican Secretary of State Matt Blunt narrowly beat State Auditor Claire McCaskill, who had ousted incumbent Bob Holden in Democratic primary.

HOUSE — Remains 5R, 4D.

Democrat Russ Carnahan, son of former Sen. Jean Carnahan and the late Gov. Mel Carnahan, won the seat of retiring Rep. Dick Gephardt.

OTHER — Another Carnahan, Russ's sister Robin, won a bid for secretary of state.

EXIT POLL — Asked which one issue mattered most, a quarter of Missourians cited "moral values." And nearly nine in 10 of those voters favored Bush.

MICHIGAN

PRESIDENT (17) — Kerry grabbed this state where disappearing manufacturing jobs have been a top concern.

HOUSE — Current: 9R, 6D. Former state Sen. John "Joe" Schwarz won Michigan's only open seat.

PROPOSITIONS — Michigan voters approved an amendment to the state constitution to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Another new amendment requires new gambling venues to get voter approval.

EXIT POLL — Voters who considered the economy and jobs the top issue supported Kerry by about 4-1.

MINNESOTA

PRESIDENT (10) — John Kerry dashed Republican hopes to claim the hotly contested state for the first time since 1972.

HOUSE — Remains 4R, 4D. Republican Mark Kennedy fended off unexpectedly strong challenge from Party Wetterling, an advocate for missing children since her 11-year-old son was abducted in 1989.

EXIT POLL — Nearly one in 10 Election Day voters said they made up their minds in the final three days of the campaign, and a majority of that bunch sided with Kerry.

MISSOURI

PRESIDENT (11) — Bush won a state that has picked the winner in all but one election (1956) in the last century.



Republican Matt Blunt, Missouri governor-elect, addresses the crowd gathered in Springfield. Blunt rode an overwhelming wave of rural support to defeat Democratic State Auditor Claire McCaskill.

ELECTION 2004

NEBRASKA

PRESIDENT (5) — Bush, unsurprisingly. Since 1964, Nebraska has backed Republicans every time.

HOUSE — 2R, 1 vacant. Republican Jeff Fortenberry will replace Republican Rep. Doug Bereuter, who left in his 13th term to become head of the Asia Foundation.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters rejected legislative proposal allowing two casinos anywhere in the state; also considering another proposal to allow two casinos in Omaha, and 4,900 video poker and slot machines around state. The latter proposal was too close to call early Wednesday.

EXIT POLL — Bush did well among voters who live in small cities and rural areas, where half of those polled in Nebraska live. Kerry fared nearly as well as Bush with voters from urban areas.

NORTH DAKOTA

PRESIDENT (3) — Bush rolls up bigger margin than against Al Gore in 2000. Only three Democratic presidential candidates — Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lyndon B. Johnson — have ever carried the state.

SENATE — On the flip side, the state hasn't sent a Republican to Congress since 1986. Sen. Byron Dorgan is the state's toughest Democrat, easily winning third term.

GOVERNOR — Republican incumbent John Hoeven increased his victory margin in winning a second term.

HOUSE — Remains 1D. Democratic Rep. Earl Pomeroy, who has a history of tight races, handily defeated a former Navy submarine officer for his seventh term.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters overwhelmingly approved constitutional amendment against same-sex marriages and civil unions.

EXIT POLL — Nearly eight of 10 voters said their finances were same or better than four years



AP photos

Left: Senator-elect John Thune and wife Kim, right, shake hands with supporters at the Republican headquarters Wednesday in Sioux Falls, S.D. Thune defeated incumbent Democrat Tom Daschle. Above: Daschle, Senate minority leader, waves goodbye after thanking supporters Wednesday in Sioux Falls.

ago; most of those supported Bush.

OHIO

PRESIDENT (20) — The new Florida. The race for the presidency hinged on Ohio's 20 electoral votes as officials began counting thousands of absentee and provisional ballots. Kerry conceded before noon Wednesday.

SENATE — In a race that wasn't close at all, Republican Sen. George Voinovich won a second term by defeating Democratic state Sen. Eric Fingerhut.

HOUSE — Remains 6D, 12R. All 18 incumbents, including first-termers Mike Turner, a Republican, and Tim Ryan, a Democrat, easily won re-election.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters approved an amendment banning same-sex marriage or any status that "intends to approximate marriage." In Cincinnati, voters threw out a ban on gay rights laws, the only one in the nation.

EXIT POLL — Bush did better than expected among women, splitting the vote with Kerry — a surprise given that Democrats had fared well among women in the past. Married women supported the president at an even higher rate.

OKLAHOMA

PRESIDENT (7) — Bush cruised to victory by a nearly 2-to-1 margin in a state that has not supported a Democratic candidate since Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

SENATE — Obstetrician Tom Coburn won the race to replace retiring Republican Don Nickles, defeating Democratic Rep. Brad Carson. Coburn spent part of the campaign defending himself against allegations he sterilized a woman without her permission, which he denied.

HOUSE — 4R, 1D. Democratic state Rep. Dan Boren trounced a little-known opponent in the race for Carson's seat.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters approved a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, as well as creating a statewide lottery and increasing the cigarette tax. They also passed a measure giving the state some authority over Indian casinos — and a share of profits.

EXIT POLL — Bush's coattails helped Coburn in his Senate race; eight out of 10 Bush supporters also backed Coburn.

SOUTH DAKOTA

PRESIDENT (3) — Bush an easy winner.

SENATE — Republican John Thune elected to Senate over Democrat Tom Daschle in South Dakota, the first time in 52 years a party leader is defeated.

HOUSE — Remains 1D. Stephanie Herseth re-elected after taking a June 1 special election to fill seat vacated by former Gov. Bill Janklow after he was convicted of manslaughter in car crash.



Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., is greeted by Christian Fraser, as she enters her re-election victory party Tuesday in Madison.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters rejected an effort to repeal sales tax on food.

EXIT POLL — Thune had a strong showing with voters concerned with moral values and terrorism.

WISCONSIN

PRESIDENT (10) — Kerry pocketed a pivotal state that the president lost by just 5,708 votes in 2000.

SENATE — Incumbent Democrat Russ Feingold soundly defeated GOP challenger Tim Michels, capturing his third term.

HOUSE — Remains 4R, 4D. Democratic U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin, the only lesbian in Congress, won re-election. State Sen. Gwen Moore became the first black House member elected from Wisconsin.

EXIT POLL — Half of all Wisconsin voters called the state's economy good; about 40 percent said it was "not so good."

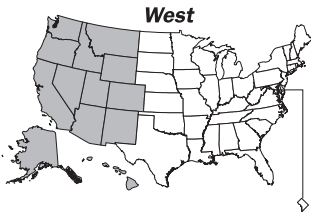


Dr. Tom Coburn, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate from Oklahoma, waves to the crowd as wife Carolyn applauds, following his victory speech Tuesday in Oklahoma City.



Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, holds granddaughter Jane after giving a victory speech Tuesday in Cleveland. At left is Voinovich's wife, Janet.

ELECTION 2004



The states included in this region are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.



Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., right, raises her arms Tuesday with Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., left, at an Election Day celebration in San Francisco. Boxer won her bid for re-election against former Secretary of State Bill Jones, R-Calif.

ALASKA

PRESIDENT (3) — Bush easily took a state that has gone Republican for the last 40 years.

SENATE — Republican Lisa Murkowski earned a term in the Senate in her own right, defeating popular former Gov. Tony Knowles and overcoming the common that arose when her father, the governor, appointed her to fill his Senate term.

PROPOSITIONS — Alaska rejected a measure to legalize and tax the sales of marijuana. Another measure fueled by the Murkowski controversy to eliminate appointments to fill Senate vacancies was trailing in the polls.

EXIT POLL — A quarter of voters said they had served in the military. They voted for Bush by nearly 3 to 1.

ARIZONA

PRESIDENT (10) — Bush racked up double-digit win.

SENATE — Popular Republican Sen. John McCain, seeking a fourth term, drew broad support across political and demographic lines; he edged out Stuart Starkey among Democrats and grabbed a majority of support from independents.

HOUSE — 6R, 2D. Incumbent Republican Congressman Rick Renzi soundly defeated Democrat

Paul Babbitt, brother of former Interior Secretary and ex-Gov. Bruce Babbitt, for a seat targeted by both parties in expensive, nasty campaign.

Party breakdown remains the same.

PROPOSITIONS — Ignoring opposition from state officials, voters passed measure requiring proof of citizenship for voter registration, and proof of legal immigration to obtain certain government services.

EXIT POLL — Two in five Kerry supporters characterized their votes as anti-Bush; four in five ignored McCain's support for Bush in making their choice.

CALIFORNIA

PRESIDENT (55) — John Kerry claimed the nation's largest haul of electoral votes.

SENATE — Democrat Barbara Boxer sailed to a third term, easily outpacing Republican challenger Bill Jones.

HOUSE — 33D, 20R. California's heavily Democratic congressional delegation was set to return to Washington with two new faces among its 53 members. Republican Dan Lungren won a Sacramento-area seat, and Democrat Jim Costa will fill the seat now held by retiring Democratic Rep. Cal Dooley.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters rejected two expensive casino gambling initiatives, but approved sale of \$3 billion in bonds to pay for embryonic stem cell research.



AP photos

Senator-elect Ken Salazar, D-Colo., flashes a thumbs-up Tuesday to his supporters after his opponent, brewer Pete Coors conceded the election in Denver.

Measure to roll back "three strikes" sentencing law was too close to call.

EXIT POLL — Four in 10 voters earning more than \$150,000 chose Kerry, despite his promises to roll back a tax cut.

COLORADO

PRESIDENT (9) — Bush enjoyed a comfortable margin of victory despite late visits by John Kerry to the state where he was born.

SENATE — State Attorney General Ken Salazar gave Democrats a pickup in a solidly Republican state, sliding by Republican beer executive Peter Coors in a tight race. Salazar becomes the first Hispanic senator in more than a quarter-century.

HOUSE — 4R, 2D with a final race outstanding. Salazar's brother, Democrat John Salazar, was neck-in-neck with Republican Greg Walcher in the one race for an open seat.

All six incumbents — four Republicans and two Democrats — won easily.

PROPOSITIONS — The closely watched referendum over whether to split Colorado's electoral votes based on the popular vote was soundly rejected. Voters



Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski celebrates early returns Tuesday at election headquarters in Anchorage, Alaska. On Wednesday, Murkowski was officially declared the winner, defeating former Gov. Tony Knowles.

approved a 64-cent state cigarette tax to fund health and education programs.

EXIT POLL — Women in Colo-

rado were split evenly between Kerry and Bush; nationally, women overwhelmingly supported Kerry.



Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and his wife Cindy, acknowledge the crowd at McCain's victory party Tuesday in Phoenix. McCain defeated Democratic challenger Stu Starkey for his sixth term.

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AP photos

Hawaii 1st District Republican congressional candidate Dalton Tanonaka and his wife, Yoko, watch as early results Tuesday show him trailing incumbent Democrat Neil Abercrombie in Honolulu. Abercrombie won.

HAWAII

PRESIDENT (4) — Tight race at the end, but Kerry pulled off victory in a state that's gone Democratic in every election but two since gaining statehood. Islands briefly became battleground at campaign's end after polls showed tight race.

SENATE — Veteran Sen. Daniel Inouye, 80, won a lopsided race against Republican Cam Cavasso, a former state legislator.

HOUSE — 2D. Reps. Neil Abercrombie and Ed Case breezed to re-election.

PROPOSITIONS — Four con-

stitutional amendments on ballot, all relating to crime and criminal prosecution, won approval. State attorney general and the Honolulu prosecutor backed them; opponents had said they would infringe on civil rights.

EXIT POLL — One in four voters strongly approved the U.S. decision to go to war with Iraq and nearly all of them voted for the incumbent. Of the 35 percent of voters who strongly disapproved of the decision, nearly all went to Kerry.

IDAHO

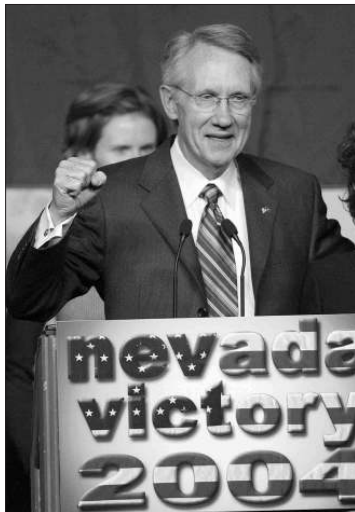
PRESIDENT (4) — Bush won

nearly 70 percent of the vote, one of the highest totals in the heavily Republican state's history.

SENATE — GOP incumbent Michael Crapo raised \$2 million — and spent over a third of it — to fend off an anemic write-in challenge. Crapo got more than 99 percent of the vote.

HOUSE — Remains 2R. Underfunded Democrats offered little resistance to Michael Simpson and Butch Otter, who plans a bid for governor in two years.

EXIT POLL — Eight in 10 Idaho voters made up their minds about the presidential race a month or more before the polls opened, and seven of 10 had sel-



Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., celebrates his re-election Tuesday in Las Vegas. Reid easily defeated Republican challenger Richard Ziser.

ted on Bush.

MONTANA

PRESIDENT (3) — Bush an easy winner.

GOVERNOR — Democrat Brian Schweitzer, who campaigned as an outsider promising bipartisan rule, scored a firm victory over Republican Secretary of State Bob Brown for office. GOP has held for 16 years. Schweitzer made history by running with a Republican lieutenant governor.

HOUSE — 1R. Rep. Denny Rehberg by a mile over Democratic challenger Tracy Velazquez.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters turned down mining industry-backed initiative to overturn a ban on using cyanide in mining operations.

Voters approved a constitutional ban on gay marriage and legalized medical marijuana.

EXIT POLL — Schweitzer, who supports providing less-expensive prescription drugs from Canada, received nearly two-thirds of the vote among those ages 60 and over.

NEVADA

PRESIDENT (5) — Defying early exit polls showing slight Kerry lead, Bush won by a 50-48 margin. Bush won the state by 3.5 percent in 2000.

SENATE — Democratic Sen. Harry Reid, the Senate minority whip, was an easy winner over Republican challenger Richard Ziser.

HOUSE — Remains 1D. First-term Republican Rep. Jon Porter withstood a challenge from former casino executive Tom Gallagher.

PROPOSITIONS — Nevadans voted to raise the minimum wage and to give more protections to doctors from medical malpractice lawsuits.

They also made education a top state budget priority.

EXIT POLLS — Exit polls showed Kerry leading by a narrow margin.

Kerry got a large share of first-time voters and led in Las Vegas, but trailed in Republican-heavy Reno and more conservative rural areas.

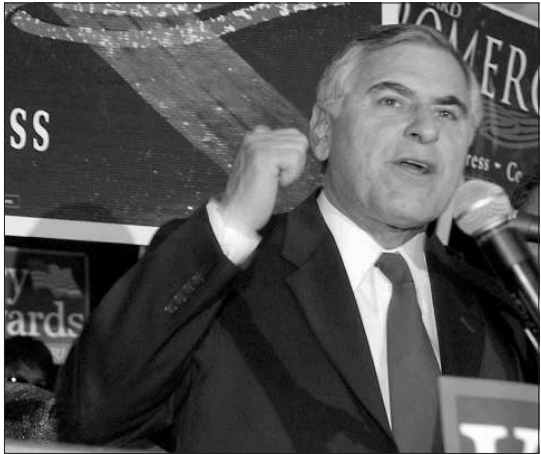
NEW MEXICO

PRESIDENT (5) — Bush and Kerry were locked in an extremely tight race with Bush about 3,600 votes ahead. Nearly 30,000 absentee and provisional ballots remained uncounted.

HOUSE — Remains 2R, 1D. Closest race was a repeat of 2002, with Republican Rep. Heather Wilson retaining her seat by withstanding a challenge from Democrat Richard Romero.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters agreed to allow runoffs in city elections where no candidate wins a majority or some other threshold percentage of the balloting.

EXIT POLL — Bush gained more Hispanic votes than he did in 2000, with about two in five Hispanics supported him. Other minorities, including American Indians, backed Kerry 2 to 1.



State Sen. Richard Romero speaks Tuesday to supporters at the New Mexico Democratic postelection gathering held in Albuquerque. Romero lost his bid to unseat Republican Rep. Heather Wilson.

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AP photos

Democratic incumbent Sen. Ron Wyden cheers for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry on Tuesday after making remarks during the Democratic Party of Oregon election party in Portland, Ore. Wyden defeated GOP challenger Al King.

OREGON

PRESIDENT (7) — Kerry prevailed in state's all-mail balloting system.

SENATE — Heavily favored Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden easily won re-election, defeating little-known Republican newcomer Al King.

HOUSE — 4D, 1R. Rep. David Wu trounced Republican Goli Ameri, who attacked Wu in television ads, citing an October newspaper report that Wu tried to force a girlfriend to have sex in the 1970s.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters overwhelmingly adopted a constitutional amendment that bans gay marriage.

EXIT POLL — Nearly two of every three women surveyed cast their ballots for Kerry. Hispanics supported the Democratic candidate by a 4-to-1 margin.

UTAH

PRESIDENT (5) — Bush's win was a foregone conclusion.

SENATE — Another safe win for the GOP: two-term incumbent Bob Bennett coasted to a huge victory over Democrat Paul Van Dam, a former attorney general.

GOVERNOR — In a battle of household names, Republican Jon Huntsman Jr., trade official under President Bush and heir to a chemical fortune, defeated Scott Matheson, son of Utah's last Democratic governor.

HOUSE — Remains 2R, 1D. Matheson's brother, Rep. Jim Matheson, held onto his seat despite a barrage of negative 11th hour campaigning by his opponent, John Swallow. The race was a rematch of 2002.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

OTHER — Democrat Peter Corroon barely won the Salt Lake City mayor race, beating a replacement candidate for who only got on the Republican ballot when incumbent Nancy Workman quit amid felony charges of missing public money.

EXIT POLL — Eight out of 10 Mormons went for Bush.

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT (11) — Kerry claimed a comfortable triumph in a state that no Republican has won in 20 years.

SENATE — Democratic Sen. Patty Murray thrashed GOP challenger George Nethercutt after divisive, expensive campaign.

GOVERNOR — Attorney General Christine Gregoire led Dino Rossi, Republican businessman and former state senator, by just 32 votes at one point early Wednesday with hundreds of thousands of absentee votes outstanding in race to succeed Democratic Gov. Gary Locke.

HOUSE — 6D, 3R. In a tight race for the open 8th, Republican Dave Reichert, the sheriff who hunted down the Green River Killer, led radio talk show host Dave Ross.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters adopted a Louisiana-style primary system that would send the top two vote-getters to the general election regardless of party.

EXIT POLL — Washington's wealthiest residents backed Kerry by wide margins, while nationally most people earning

more than \$100,000 a year voted for Bush.

WYOMING

PRESIDENT (3) — Vice President Dick Cheney's home state gives Bush a landslide.

HOUSE — 1R. Republican Bar-

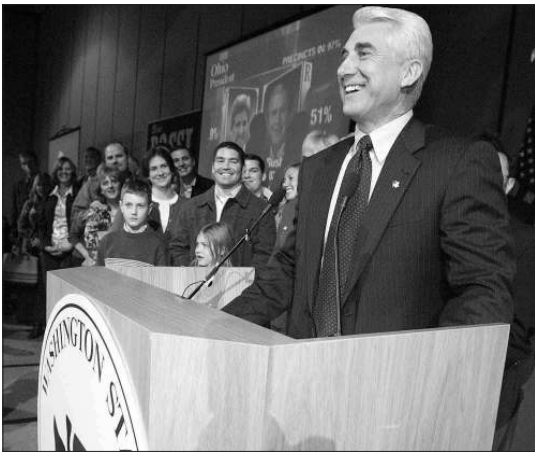


Republican Jon Huntsman Jr., right, is hugged by his father, Jon Huntsman Sr., after winning Utah's governorship Tuesday.

bars Cubin beat political newcomer Ted Ladd for sixth term as Wyoming's lone representative.

PROPOSITIONS — Voters rejected constitutional amendment to allow Legislature to put caps on medical malpractice damage awards.

EXIT POLL — Bush performed strongly among those who said they had a favorable opinion of Cheney, while Kerry had strong support among those who have an unfavorable opinion of Cheney. About two-thirds of Wyoming voters said they had a favorable opinion of Cheney.



King County Sheriff Dave Reichert, Republican candidate for Washington state's 8th District House seat, greets supporters Tuesday at the King County (Wash.) Republican election-night headquarters in Bellevue, Wash. Reichert is leading radio talk show host Dave Ross in the race.

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Jenkins pleads guilty, will serve 3 days

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — The Charles Jenkins saga drew nearer an end Wednesday when the Army sergeant was reduced in rank to E-1, dishonorably discharged and ordered to forfeit all pay and allowances and serve six months in prison after pleading guilty to desertion and aiding the enemy.

But, due to a pretrial agreement, he'll serve just 30 days at a Yokosuka Naval Base confinement center. Col. Denise Vowell, the general court-martial judge, tossed out charges of encouraging disloyalty and soliciting other servicemen to desert.

Capt. Seth Cohen, the prosecutor, had asked for a nine-month jail term.

Jenkins, 64, admitted he abandoned his South Korea post on Jan. 5, 1965. He later taught English to North Korean officer cadets being trained as spies.

His Japanese wife, Hitomi Soga, 45, and their two daughters sat somberly inside the Willie N. Sugihara Courtroom at U.S. Army Japan headquarters.

Jenkins was to be taken to Yokosuka on Wednesday night to begin his confinement, officials said.

"After observing today's legal proceedings, it is clear to me that the United States military justice system has worked ... precisely the way it was designed to work," said Lt. Col. John Amberg, a U.S. Army Japan spokesman.

The case's resolution accompanied tales of hardship, fear and struggles during four decades in communist North Korea. Jenkins, wearing his Class A uniform, fought tears as he recounted what led him to cross the DMZ that cold 1965 night.

Jenkins, then a 24-year-old with Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division at Camp Clinch, South Korea, told the court in a heavy southern accent that



Sgt. Charles Jenkins, center, steps off a mini-bus before his court-martial Wednesday at Camp Zama, Japan.

growing anxiety over the possibility of leading "hunter and killer" patrols along the border, combined with fears about being shipped to Vietnam, triggered bouts with alcohol and depression.

"It was getting a little scared ... The North Korean army often fired shots at us over the DMZ," Jenkins said. "I didn't want to be responsible for other soldiers under

me if I was asked to lead the hunter-killer missions.

"I no longer wanted to be in the military. I just wanted to go home."

Conferring throughout the court session with his defense lawyer, Army Capt. James Culp, Jenkins said he consumed about 10 beers the night he disappeared but claimed that didn't affect his decision to desert.

He also led a squad out on ambush in the early hours of Jan. 5, 1965. At about 2:30 a.m., he testified, he told the other troops he'd advance to check out the road. Instead, he unloaded and tied a white T-shirt to his M-14 rifle to try to appear less threatening to the North Koreans.

He figured he'd be captured and sent to Russia, where he had a friend at the U.S. Embassy, and believed officials there would return him to the United States.

Asked by the judge if going to North Korea was a conscious choice, he responded, "I knew what I was doing, but it was a mistake. I didn't know North Korea was gonna keep me."

In a statement read by Culp before sentencing, Jenkins indicated that life across the border was "miserable." During the first few years, he lived with three other alleged Army deserters in one room with no electricity or running water.

Life improved somewhat in 1980 when he married Soga, whom North Korean agents had abducted to teach Japanese language and customs to potential spies, Jenkins said.

From 1981 to 1985, he said, he agreed to teach English at a North Korean military academy in Pyongyang, trying to save his family from harsher living conditions. "I often wanted to die during that time," he testified.

Jenkins taught for 10 to 15 days at a time, staying away from his family. He told the judge he once refused to continue and "they beat the hell out of me. During the first 15

years, the one thing I learned is you don't say 'no' to the North Koreans."

First Sgt. Eugene Moses, who supervised Jenkins over the past two months at Zama, testified as a character witness. When given a task to do, Jenkins "always got it done — almost on a daily basis," Moses said. "I think he's got the ability and determination to rehabilitate himself."

Soga also asked the judge for leniency. "My husband did not like North Korea. Neither did I," she said through a translator. "There were times when we did not have enough food. The electricity often didn't work."

In the winter, the family rarely ever could take a warm shower, she added. They often used homemade candles for light, collecting the melted wax to reuse. Barbed wire surrounded the compound in which they lived, she said, to keep the family imprisoned.

"My only hope now is to make my small happiness as a family in the future ... to live together quietly as soon as possible," Soga testified.

Cohen argued for the longer nine-month sentence, saying, "The accused deserted his men, his unit and his country. If that wasn't bad enough, he went on to aid the enemy."

"Soldiers need to be reassured that there are consequences for these actions, particularly given today's world situation. The evidence clearly shows the accused deserves a dishonorable discharge. The accused should not be receiving any more of the taxpayer's money for what he did."

Because the judge's final sentence included a punitive discharge, Jenkins has certain appeal rights, said Col. John Dykstra, an international law expert for U.S. Army Japan. However, he's expected to complete the 30-day term at the Yokosuka facility and then return to Zama for outprocessing. His family will remain at the Army base during his confinement, officials said.

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Internet changes

Pacific Department of Defense Dependents Schools personnel have new e-mail addresses after the Internet domain name for the schools, including Guam, changed Monday.

DODEA — Department of Defense Education Activity — announced its Internet domain now

is dodea.edu. It was oddeda.edu.

New e-mail addresses for school officials in Japan, South Korea, Okinawa and Guam are now: first-name.lastname@pac.dodea.edu.

For instance, the e-mail address for a teacher named Mary Smith would become Mary.Smith@pac.dodea.edu.

The old e-mail addresses are valid through Dec. 31.

Additionally, the main Web site for DODDS Pacific and Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) Guam will be renamed by Dec. 31 to www.pac.dodea.edu.

Asbestos lawsuit

Japan's government agreed Monday to pay 305 million yen (about \$2.87 million) to Yokosuka shipyard workers who contracted lung disease after working on ships with asbestos at Yokosuka Naval Base, said Takeshi Furukawa, the workers' attorney.

Each of 20 former workers will be paid 14 million yen (about \$13,000), the family of a worker who died last year will be paid 25 million yen (about \$235,000), Furukawa said.

One worker who sued received no money because the 10-year limit on claiming such payments had expired, Furukawa said.

Yokohama District Court's Yokosuka branch recommended the settlement in March but the Japanese government asked that it be reduced for two plaintiffs, arguing they also worked at other companies where they could have contracted lung disease.

However, it withdrew that request in September.

The court is expected to recommend a settlement in January for 15 other plaintiffs who sue last year, Furukawa said.

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Okinawa carnival

OKINAWA CITY — More than 300 Kadena Air Base personnel are to take part in this weekend's Okinawa International Carnival.

A highlight will be a free concert by "Pacific Trends," part of the Pacific Air Forces Band, at the Okinawa Children's Zoo on Saturday from 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The band also will hold a concert Sunday at the Plaza House Shopping Center from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Other Kadena Air Base servicemembers will take part in a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, a soccer ball shootout, tug-of-war and a parade down Okinawa City's Gate Two Street.

Most of Saturday's action will be at the Okinawa Children's Zoo, starting with an opening ceremo-

ny and a 10 a.m. taiko drum performance and continuing until 8:30 p.m. with bands, folk dances and a beauty pageant.

There also will be a rodeo bull riding event at the Okinawa City Outdoor Stage, off Highway 81, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Gate Two Street will be closed from noon to 10 p.m. for the tug-of-war, parade and folk dances. The tug-of-war is set for 7 p.m.

Scholarships available

Students at military bases worldwide now compete for up to \$1,500 in college scholarships from the Defense Commissary Agency by writing an essay on how the heightened awareness of terrorism has impacted their life.

Applications are now available for DECA's fifth annual Scholarships for Military Children program and are due at commissaries by Feb. 16, DECA officials announced in a news release this week.

At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary with qualified applicants. Last year, 500 scholarships were handed out.

A link to the program, as well as more information about the scholarship, can be found at: <http://www.commissaries.com>.

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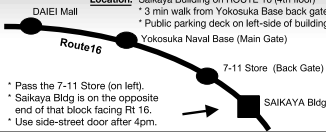


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ELECTION 2004

Experts: Election won't alter Pacific plans

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO
AND HANA KUSUMOTO

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — Regional political and military experts expect no sea change in the United States' Northeast Asia policy or in plans to re-shuffle its forces in Japan and South Korea with the election of President George Bush to a second term.

Sen. John Kerry called President Bush late Wednesday morning to concede defeat when Ohio's vote numbers looked insurmountable.

Most analysts said the U.S. position on the region's major issue — North Korea's nuclear ambitions — would stay the same.

"I don't agree the U.S. will get tougher if Bush is re-elected since there is a ground rule (between

Seoul and Washington) that the North Korean nuclear crisis should be resolved in a peaceful manner through dialogue," South Korean foreign minister Ban Ki-moon said this week in an interview with a Korean newspaper.

Seoul expects no "fundamental" differences between a second Bush term and a first Kerry term, Ban said.

With a Bush win, South Korean officials said, they expect a call for quick resumption of the six-party talks among North Korea, South Korea, the United States, China, Japan and Russia. North Korea, amid speculation it was waiting out the election, refused to attend what would have been the talks' fourth round last month.

In the campaign, John Kerry criticized Bush's North Korea policy, saying he likely would opt for

The experts agreed that whoever won the election, U.S. plans to reduce its troops in South Korea, and relocate bases, would proceed.

direct dialogue with the North. Bush firmly held to the six-party framework. Speculation in South Korea centered on how tough a re-elected Bush administration would be on North Korea, given Bush's labeling of that country as part of the "Axis of Evil."

"Everybody thinks the Bush administration is so hard-lined on the North Koreans," Gordon Flake, head of the Mansfield Center for Pacific Affairs, said in an interview with Kyodo News.

"But the reality is the Bush administration has talked tough,

they have had very hard-lined rhetoric but in terms of action, what have they done?"

Other experts said they feared North Korea, confronted by a second Bush administration, would proceed with a nuclear test.

The experts agreed that whoever won the election, U.S. plans to reduce its troops in South Korea, and relocate bases, would proceed. Under one plan, the United States will close several bases in Japan, and return the land to South Korea.

Over the next three years, Yong-

san Garrison is to be closed and 12,500 U.S. troops are to be taken out of Korea.

None of that would change, several analysts said.

Japanese military experts said they saw no significant differences between a Bush and Kerry presidency.

Bush and Kerry think similarly on security, says Toshiyuki Shikata, a Teikyo University professor and military expert. Either administration likely would shuffle U.S. forces in Japan, he said.

Realignment in Japan began in the 1990s, continued during the Clinton administration and will not change in the next administration, said Tetsuo Maeda, an international relations professor at Tokyo International University in Saitama Prefecture.

Wang Hui-rum contributed to this report.

Karzai declared winner of Afghan election

Investigation finds irregularities not significant

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Hamid Karzai was declared the winner of Afghanistan's first-ever presidential election Wednesday, after a three-week probe into vote fraud found no grounds to invalidate his triumph.

The joint U.N.-Afghan electoral board confirmed that the American-backed incumbent had clinched a five-year term as the country's first popularly chosen leader.

"His excellency Hamid Karzai is the winner of the election," board chairman Zakim Shah said at a ceremony in the capital. "We are announcing the first elected president of Afghanistan."

Shah said Karzai won 55.4 percent support in the Oct. 9 election, 39 points clear of his closest challenger and enough to avoid a second round.

A spokesman for Karzai, who was in the United Arab Emirates for the funeral of its late president, said his camp was "very glad to finally have the result we

wanted" and appealed to rivals to put a bruising campaign behind them.

"We are starting a new life, a new Afghanistan and we hope everyone will cooperate with its reconstruction," Elmi said.

Karzai was expected to make a victory speech in the Afghan capital on Thursday.

However, his nearest rival, former Education Minister Yunus Qanooni, refused to concede defeat, raising the risk of political instability in a country slowly emerging from a quarter-century of war.

The result of the election — itself delayed from June because of insecurity and logistical problems — was held up by weeks of mud-slinging by Karzai's challengers, who threatened to boycott the results.

In its final report released Wednesday, the panel confirmed problems including ballot stuffing and win ink used to mark people's fingers to prevent multiple voting.

But it said there was "no evidence" that the problems were

widespread, or that they favored one side.

"There were shortcomings," Staffan Darnof, a Swedish election expert on the panel, said at a news conference. "But they could not have materially affected the overall result."

Qanooni's running mate, Syed Hussein Akemi Balkhi, said the report was "unacceptable" but stopped short of saying that they would reject the election result.

"We had a lot of questions, but the panel was not able to answer them," Balkhi said. "We are not satisfied with their findings."

Qanooni won 16.3 percent of the vote, ahead of Hazara chief-tan Mohammed Mohaqaeq with 11.7 percent.

Mohaqaeq, who has vowed "never" to recognize Karzai's victory, declined to comment on Wednesday.

Karzai, who will be inaugurated in early November, has vowed to accelerate the slow rebuilding of a country shattered by war and peace also suspect the involvement of militia leaders who could lose out if Karzai presses on with efforts to disarm unruly warlords.

Some 8 million Afghans cast their ballots more than three weeks ago, a turnout of 70 percent and a show of enthusiasm for a democratic experiment on which Taliban rebels had declared war.



An Afghan military officer stands guard at a checkpoint Monday near a poster of President Hamid Karzai which says "We want peace and national unity in all over of our dear country" in Kabul, Afghanistan. Election officials Wednesday formally declared the U.S.-backed Karzai the winner of national presidential elections held in early October.

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Maupins hold out hope through uncertainty

Family refuses to accept grainy execution footage; Army's search goes on

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

Carolyn Maupin prays that out of sight doesn't mean out of mind for her soldier son, taken hostage in Iraq this spring.

Despite rumors that Spc. Keith "Matt" Maupin might have been shot to death by insurgents, the Army assures the Batavia, Ohio, family that troops in Iraq continue their search for the captured 20-year-old truck driver and Army Reservist.

Keith Maupin believes his son was not executed. Spc. Maupin, with the 724th Transportation Company, disappeared April 9 after an attack on his fuel convoy. On June 29, hours after U.S. officials turned over sovereignty to the interim Iraqi government, al-Jazeera reported that Maupin had been shot in the head. The station did not broadcast a video it said it had showing the death.

According to an Associated Press story in June, the Arab television network aired a video showing a blindfolded man sitting on the ground and identified as Maupin by a statement issued with the footage. Al-Jazeera said that in the next scene, gunmen shoot the man in the back of the head, in front of a hole dug in the

ground.

U.S. military officials and Maupin's father have seen still photographs taken from that video and cannot confirm the man shown being shot is Maupin.

Maj. Willie Harris, a spokesman for the Army's Reserve 88th Regional Readiness Command, the transportation company's parent command in Fort Snelling, Minn., said the photographs he saw were of poor quality and the hostage's face was not visible.

"I did see still pictures of the alleged shooting, but the man was not discernible in the photos."

The video footage was grainy and the hostage's face was not identifiable, according to Jihad Ballout, an al-Jazeera spokesman. Army officials won't discuss the search for Maupin, who on April 23 was officially classified as captured.

"We don't want to do anything or say anything... that may hinder any type of investigation or send the wrong messages to anyone who has him," Harris said. The lack of communication by Maupin's hostage-takers might be by design, said Chris Hellman, military policy analyst at the Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation in Washington.

"If they know the U.S. policy is to not negotiate at all with hos-

tage-takers, why do they take hostages? To sow fear and uncertainty in their adversary," Hellman said. "Knowing the status of a person, be it dead or alive, is more reassuring to colleagues than not knowing. If your enemy is capable of disappearing you at their convenience and doing with you what they want, and leaving others guessing, wouldn't that be unsettling to you?"

And to some degree, hostage-taking in Iraq "has become a business," said Allen Keiswetter, a scholar at the Middle East Institute in Washington, and former deputy assistant deputy secretary at the State Department for Near East Affairs in 2000 and 2001.

"Some people who take hostages contract them out to other organizations for money. They may have sold him for some reward to another organization," said Keiswetter, who is not familiar with the specifics of Maupin case and was speaking generally.

Updates about their son trickle into the homes of Spc. Maupin's parents, a dearth of information that now leaves the family to rely on hope and prayers.

"There really isn't anything new, and there hasn't been for a while now," Carolyn Maupin, 57, said. "He is still listed 'captured, whereabouts unknown' and all I

know is that they are looking. [Army officials] guarantee me they are looking, but to what depth, I don't know."

"They are looking. I honestly do believe that. I feel that."

Keith Maupin said his days are marked "by highs and lows."

"The lows are when I think he'd been shot. And sometimes visits from Army officials. Their visits, with no news, [are] like a roller coaster."

The Maupins say what used to be near-daily visits from a casualty assistance officer in April and then in June, when reports of the videotape surface, have become sporadic visits or phone calls on no set schedule in which officials simply say they still are looking.

"They're looking for him. Plain and simple," Keith Maupin, 54, said. The specialist's younger brother, Kent, is a Marine lance corporal who is not deployed. He has two older half-siblings, Leann and Steve Spencer.

In part to cope with grief, Keith Maupin runs the family's support center that sells ribbon-shaped magnets in support of the troops for a "suggested \$5 donation." Proceeds go to buy and ship care packages to deployed troops. Troops can e-mail wish list to k.maupin@yahoo.com.

Keith Maupin, himself a former



Courtesy of the Maupin family

A poster of Spc. Keith "Matt" Maupin is posted "almost everywhere they will let us put one up," according to Matt's dad, Keith Maupin.

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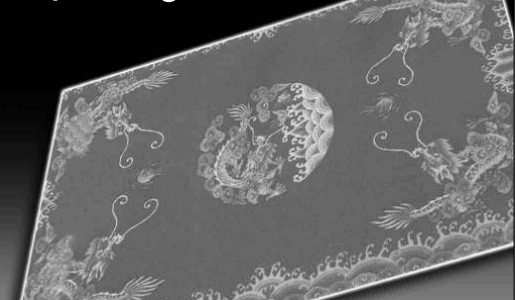
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Contractor abducted from Baghdad home

U.S. soldier killed, another injured by roadside bomb south of capital

BY MARIAM FAM
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Gunmen abducted a Lebanese-American contractor who worked with the U.S. Army from his Baghdad home, Iraqi officials said Wednesday, while four Jordanian truck driv-

ers were seized by assailants in a separate kidnapping.

Radim Sadeq, a Lebanese-American contractor with a mobile phone company, was snatched by gunmen when he answered the door of his home in Baghdad's Mansour neighborhood overnight, Lt. Col. Maan

Khalaf said.

It was the second abduction this week in upscale Mansour, where many foreign companies are based. On Monday, gunmen stormed the two-story compound of a Saudi company, abducting six people, including an American, a Nepalese, a Filipino and three Ira-

qi, after a bloody gunbattle that left an Iraqi guard and one of attacker dead.

One U.S. soldier was killed and another injured when a roadside bomb exploded near Salman Pak, about 12 miles southeast of Baghdad, the U.S. military said.

A suicide car bomber detonated

an explosion at an airport checkpoint in Baghdad, injuring nine people, hospital and U.S. officials said.

Gunmen also killed an Oil Ministry official, Hussein Ali al-Fattal, in a drive-by shooting, the ministry said.

In the southern holy city of Najaf, attackers fired a mortar round at an Iraqi National Guard checkpoint, injuring two guardsmen, said Lt. Haidar Hussein. Iraqi security forces sealed off the area to search for the assailants, he added.

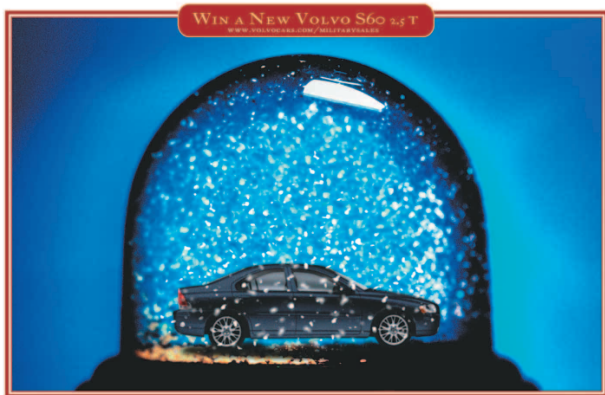
It was the first major incident since a peace agreement in August ended three weeks of fighting between Muqtada al-Sadr's al-Mahdi Army and U.S. and Iraqi troops.

Jordanian spokeswoman Asma Khader declined to provide details on the abducted Jordanians but said her government has taken up the matter with visiting Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

She said the two other Jordanians came under fire in the Ramadi area in central Iraq — a Muslim Sunni militant stronghold.

More than 160 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq since Saddam Hussein's regime fell in April last year. Some kidnapping groups seek ransom, while others pursue political motives such as the withdrawal of foreign companies and troops from Iraq.

Meanwhile, the kidnappers of aid worker Margaret Hassan are threatening to hand her over to al-Qaida-linked militants notorious for beheading hostages unless Britain agrees within 48 hours to pull its troops from Iraq.



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U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday at least 1,122 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 860 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department as of Tuesday. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Tuesday at 10 a.m. EST.

The British military has reported 70 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 984 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. The latest deaths reported by the military:

- No deaths reported.
- The latest identifications reported by the military:
- No identifications reported.

Plea deal set in latest Abu Ghraib case

By JOSH WHITE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A soldier who was a military police soldier at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq has pleaded guilty to one charge of dereliction of duty, accepting responsibility for not preventing or reporting detainee abuses at the hands of other U.S. soldiers in her company, according to her civilian lawyer and military officials in Iraq.

Megan Ambuhl, 30, of Centerville, Va., entered her plea on Saturday morning in Baghdad as part of a deal with prosecutors, who agreed to drop charges of conspiracy, maltreatment of detainees and indecent acts. In a summary court-martial which spared her the possibility of a lengthy prison term — Ambuhl

was sentenced to a reduction in rank from specialist to private and was ordered to forfeit half of one month's pay, a military spokesman in Iraq said today.

Ambuhl became the third soldier from the 372nd MP Company to plead guilty to charges connected with the scandal that broke in April after numerous photographs of detainee abuse surfaced publicly. One soldier received a year in prison and another, a supervisor, received eight years.



Ambuhl

According to investigative documents, Ambuhl was the least involved in the abuse of the seven soldiers who have been charged so far. She was accused in large part of watching abusive acts and failing to report them.

Harvey Volzer, Ambuhl's Washington-based civilian attorney, said today that his client witnessed some abusive acts on Tier 1 of the prison but did not report them because she believed they were involved and military intelligence soldiers appeared to be sanctioning the acts.

Volzer said Ambuhl regrets not doing something to stop the abuses and shows remorse.

"I think we all came to the conclusion that my client didn't hit or kick a detainee or anything like that," Volzer said. "But everyone had a duty to protect the detain-

ees, and even if this was authorized from above, in some instances it went too far."

According to investigative documents, Ambuhl was present when some humiliating sexual abuses occurred in the prison's most secure wing, including episodes when soldiers placed naked and hooded detainees into a pyramid and then posed with them for photographs. She also is partially visible in a photograph that showed Pfc. Lynndie R. England holding a leash attached to a naked detainee's neck.

Ambuhl was praised by several detainees for treating them well, and in at least one instance she came to the aid of a detainee who was having trouble breathing after being punched in the chest by another soldier, the documents showed.

Volzer said Ambuhl's punishment is appropriate because of her limited involvement, but he said he is dismayed by the lack of accountability for higher-ranking officials who he says condoned the abusive treatment.

"My position is that if people order you to do things, and you do what they said, and as a result you're punished, the people who gave the orders should also be punished," Volzer said.

"Since the orders came down from the White House, someone has to bear responsibility for it."

Volzer said Ambuhl is prepared to testify at other military legal proceedings. Additional courts-martial for those involved in the abuses are scheduled to begin early next year.

Peterson's defense argues final points

By BRIAN SKOLOFF
The Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Scott Peterson's defense lawyers lashed out at a key prosecution theory Wednesday, questioning the notion that Laci Peterson's fetus died in her womb.

As the defense wound up its closing argument, lawyer Mark Geragos reminded jurors authorities never found the placenta or the fetus' umbilical cord, leaving little evidence to determine whether the male fetus was born alive and killed later.

If the fetus died later, Geragos said, "it's not Scott Peterson who did that."

With the defense closing argument wrapped up, jurors heard the prosecution rebuttal and then jury instructions. The panel began deliberations in the highly publicized case Wednesday afternoon.

Prosecutors claim Peterson strangled or

smothered his pregnant wife on Dec. 23 or 24, 2002, then dumped her weighted body into San Francisco Bay. Her body and that of the fetus washed ashore in April 2003. Geragos claims someone else abducted and killed the Modesto woman.

Peterson is charged with two counts of first-degree murder and could get the death penalty. The jury will also be allowed to consider second-degree murder, which does not require evidence of premeditation and carries 15 years to life in prison.

Geragos has argued the fetus was born well after Laci Peterson vanished, proving his client couldn't be the killer given the intense police surveillance of him in the days and weeks after she disappeared.

A prosecution witness testified the fetus likely died around the same time Laci was reported missing. A defense witness countered that the fetus could have been born weeks later.

Prosecutors have argued the fetus wasn't as badly decomposed as Laci's body because it had remained in her womb for months before being expelled from her decaying body.

On Tuesday, Geragos conceded the former fertilizer salesman, who was having an affair at the time Laci vanished, is a liar and a cheat, but said he shouldn't be convicted of murder.

"You're not supposed to just decide this case on whether or not you like Scott Peterson," he told jurors.

Geragos accused prosecutors of waffling on their theory of the crime, first claiming Peterson's motive was his affair with Amber Frey, then raising financial issues and finally pointing to Peterson's desire to be free from marriage.

"Clearly, Amber was not the motive," Geragos said. "Nobody was going to kill Laci Peterson and her child for Amber Frey."



Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, enters the San Mateo County Courthouse in Redwood City, Calif., on Wednesday to watch Scott Peterson's defense team deliver its final arguments.

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Jimmy Fallon, Queen Latifah grab souped-up 'Taxi'

BY JOE NEUMAER

New York Daily News/KRT

NEW YORK — An action-comedy team can rush through the jokes to get to the jolts, or rush through the stunts to get to the snickers. But for "Taxi," Queen Latifah and Jimmy Fallon decided to rush the net for laughs.

"For us, it was like volleyball — you set up a joke, and the other person spikes it," says Fallon, slapping an imaginary ball with his hand. "You can't just throw things out there and wait for a reaction. When your co-star gives you something you can work with, they're setting up your alley-oop."

"And Jimmy's got a lot of spikes in this movie," says Latifah.

"Once we got into a good rhythm, we really developed a shorthand style."

"Taxi," a remake of a popular 1998 French film (and its two sequels), stars Fallon as a fumbling cop whose lack of driving skills and inept style costs him his license, and his standing in the NYPD.

To prove himself, he goes after a gang of beautiful female bank robbers (led by supermodel Gisele Bündchen), and enlists the help of a car-savvy cabie (Latifah), whose souped-up set of wheels allows the two to race around Manhattan in pursuit of the thieves.

It's Fallon's first movie since leaving "Saturday Night Live" in May after six seasons. (On Saturday's season premiere, Amy Poehler filled his "Weekend Update" chair next to Tina Fey.) He had to do some racing around to

get the movie done, shooting scenes in Hollywood last year while fulfilling his "SNL" duties.

"I would fly to New York on Fridays and write 'Update' with Tina, and then fly back Sunday to Los Angeles," says the 30-year-old comic, who was born in Brooklyn. "With sketches, I'd come up with an idea Monday or Tuesday and call the writers. I'd be writing skits down on a napkin, which is the way they did it in the '70s."

His movie partner has conquered

"I never worry about who sees me in a certain way; it's my job to show them otherwise. But I don't attempt things that I don't feel I can accomplish. If you see me get into it, you might as well wait and see what's going to happen."

For movies, she says, "Doing drama definitely helps you learn how to develop a character, which helps even in a comedy like 'Taxi.' It's different for me, because I'm not a comedian, whereas Jimmy does this for real. But working with him or Cedric the Entertainer on 'Barbershop 2,' I had to be ready for whatever came my way."

Fallon says he "learned how to be funny" on "SNL" after working with the Groundlings improv comedy troupe in L.A. Leaving the show to do his first big film (after small parts in "Almost Famous" and TV's "Band of Brothers") is a little scary, but feels like graduation, he says.

"On 'SNL,' you work with the funniest people on television, who then move on, they end up being the funniest people in movies," he says. "I'm going to miss the show, definitely, but this is a different thing. I never really looked at this movie like, 'Oh man, this is my shot!' I just had a great time doing it."

Latifah interrupts with a news flash: "Well... actually everyone felt like this was your shot, and you'd better not mess up!"

Fallon throws his hand onto his head. "Thank God you didn't tell me until now!"

“The use of such nonprescription substances may present health risks for individuals with contraindications to the use of sildenafil.”

“Sex, Lies and Niagara”
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every aspect of pop culture since she first emerged as a hip-hop artist in the late '80s. Her musical success led to the sitcom "Living Single," her own talk show, and movie dramas ("Set It Off," "Living Out Loud"). In 2002, her performance in "Chicago" earned her a Best Supporting Actress Oscar nomination, and the 2003 smash "Bringing Down the House" confirmed her as an audience favorite.

"I feel pressured when people start putting me in a box," says Latifah, 34. "I always try to select things that are different from one to the next. I'm always trying to keep my options open, keep the reins loose."

Tarantino planning kung-fu film

Director **Quentin Tarantino** says he's planning a kung-fu film with all the dialogue in Mandarin Chinese and out-of-sync English dubbing in homage to many such films in the past.

In an interview with Total Film magazine, Tarantino said he decided to do the kung-fu movie instead of "Inglorious Bastards," the working title of his long-expected movie based on World War II.

"I enjoyed shooting all the Japanese stuff in 'Kill Bill' so much that this whole film will be entirely in Mandarin," he was quoted as saying.

"If you're not up to watching it with subtitles, I really want to do a full-on dubbed version," he added.



Tarantino

Brosnan: Farrell would be ideal '007'

Pierce Brosnan, who played British agent James Bond in the last four "007" films, says he thinks fellow Irishman **Colin Farrell** would be his ideal successor.

Brosnan, 51, said several actors could aptly fill his shoes as Bond, which he began in 1995 with "GoldenEye" and concluded with 2002's "Die Another Day."

"But I'll give it to Colin Farrell. He'll eat the head off them all," Brosnan said following an entertainment awards ceremony Saturday in Dublin.

Farrell, 28, appeared with **Tom Cruise** in the 2002 sci-fi thriller "Minority Report," and has the title role in Oliver Stone's upcoming "Alexander."

Brosnan didn't specify any other actors that he thought would make a good 007.

He also said he was discussing a possible collaboration with director **Quentin Tarantino**, who is considering making a film of the Bond novel "Casino Royale."

"We have discussed things, Quentin and I, but I don't know if it's going to be that particular project," Brosnan said.



Brosnan

Siegfried & Roy protege wins award

Darren Romeo, a protégé of **Siegfried & Roy**, has been named the winner of the Magic Castle Magician of the Year award.

A special pre-announcement of the award, to be presented next March at a ceremony at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, Calif., will cap off Romeo's opening night at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino in Biloxi, Miss., on Wednesday.

Siegfried Fischbacher is expected to attend a private ceremony for Romeo after the show. The Beau Rivage is owned by the MGM Mirage, where Romeo opened his Las Vegas stage show, "Siegfried & Roy present Darren Romeo, The Voice of Magic," in 2002.

"I am so excited that he is coming," Romeo said. "Over this past year, it has been very challenging."

Fischbacher's partner, **Roy Horn**, is recovering from a tiger mauling more than a year ago during the duo's Las Vegas show.

Horn's injury forced the long-running Siegfried & Roy show to close. "We are focusing on him making a great recovery," Romeo said.

In his show, Romeo belts out Broadway-style tunes. "I know when you say 'singing magician,' you almost want to run from the theater," Romeo told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "It sounds unbelievably cheesy, but it's really not."

Romeo, a native of East Meadow, N.Y., met Fischbacher and Horn in 1999 after he debuted his show at the Flamingo Hilton in Las Vegas. The meeting led to a friendship and the MGM Mirage show.

"My business relationship is... mostly mentorship," Romeo said. "It's not a signed contract. It's family. I don't talk to the managers or producers."

The Magic Castle is the home of the Academy of Magical Arts, an organization designed to encourage and promote public interest in magic.



Romeo

YOUR MONEY

Cracking 401(k)

Experts: Money best in 1 or 2 spots

BY AVRUM D. LANK

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — When Korie Khongphand-Buckman came to work at the Milwaukee office of Deloitte & Touche last December, she faced a common dilemma: what to do with the money in the 401(k) retirement account she had left behind at her former employer.

She had several choices, but the 25-year-old senior marketing coordinator quickly decided to transfer the money to the 401(k) she had established at Deloitte.

"My husband is an accountant," she told The Washington Post, resident explained. "He told me I had to do it." The couple liked the convenience of having the money in all one place.

Khongphand-Buckman was lucky to have a good adviser so close by.

Many people have to figure out on their own what to do with old 401(k)s. It is an important decision.

Enrolling in a 401(k) and home ownership are two of the top priorities for my clients," said Michael Arnow, a certified public accountant and financial planner in Glendale, Wis.

Under the law, there are four possible options for a 401(k) parked at a former employer.

Leave the money in the existing account

Withdraw it and pay taxes on it

Roll it over to the new employer's 401(k)

Move it to an Individual Retirement Account

Most 401(k) plans offer these options, but not all. The law provides considerable leeway to sponsors, so it pays to check the provisions of a particular plan.

Named after the section of the Internal Revenue Code that regulates them, 401(k)s are similar to IRAs: Money contributed grows on a tax-deferred basis until withdrawn. Unlike an IRA, however, both employers and employees can contribute to 401(k)s in pre-tax dollars.

Typically, sponsoring companies offer a limited range of investment options.

About 45 million Americans have 401(k)s, up from 37 million in 1998.

Much of their appeal is linked to their portability: 401(k)s are attached to the individual, not to the employer. That is in contrast to traditional pensions, which were set up and maintained by one employer even after a worker moved to another company.

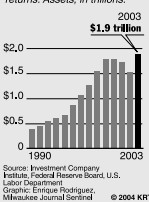
Now, though, many people change employers frequently. According to a recent study by the U.S. Census Bureau, people born between 1957 and 1994 are likely to have more than 10 jobs prior to retirement. In such a mobile society, few workers will hang around long enough to accumulate a large traditional pension from any one employer.

Meanwhile, they are likely to amass 401(k) balances on each job.

That is when people are faced

401(k) assets

Assets in 401(k) retirement plans rose sharply last year as the stock market posted good returns. Assets, in trillions:



Source: Investment Company Institute, Federal Reserve Board U.S. Labor Department, Graphic: Envision Business

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with the decision about what to do with their collection of accounts.

Typically, employers do not want to baby-sit low-balance accounts owned by former employees. Often, plans specify they will not keep account balances of less than \$5,000 for former employees. In such cases, the former employer can force a worker to either move the money to an IRA or new 401(k) or to withdraw it and pay any required taxes.

In most cases, that translates to regular income tax rates plus a 10 percent federal penalty.

If a former employee with a small balance does not make a choice, then he or she usually is sent the money, less 20 percent withholding for taxes.

Moving the money from an old 401(k) to an IRA usually is the best plan in any event, even for those with balances of more than \$5,000, according to both Arnow and Rob Bortz, a financial planner with Lincoln Financial Advisors in Brookfield, Wis.

For mom, Santa Fe gold place to start

Dear Tom and Ray:

Here's my dilemma: I'm a fun, sporty, active 46-year-old mom of three. I've been driving a minivan for 14 years now, and I need a change! I'm interested in the smaller sport utility vehicles, and recently test-drove a Hyundai Santa Fe. Needless to say, I loved it. But I'm curious as to your thoughts on that vehicle. Have you driven one lately? What do you think of Hyundai, overall? I know you guys like the Subaru Outback and Forester, but to be honest, I felt they were both a tad too small. Plus, I did not care for the feeling of being low to the ground, like a sedan. I would be "up" a little bit, if you know what I mean. I don't want some huge SUV that guzzles gas and serves people half to death, either. I myself am only 5 feet tall, and I don't want to feel overwhelmed by the vehicle I drive. I still have more test-drives to do, but I wanted some input. Thanks for your help. — Janet

TOM: Well, first of all, congratulations on this important, life-altering event, Janet. It's a milestone in a woman's life. You know — there's graduation, marriage, motherhood and dumping the carpool.

RAY: And good for you for not wanting a huge, honking SUV. American buyers are getting wise to the fact that they're overpriced, oversized, overly thirsty and over the bumper of other innocent vehicles in an accident.

TOM: We like the Hyundai Santa Fe. It's a small SUV that's based on a car platform. That

means it's more economical, handles better, is easier to get in and out of, and is more comfortable than the larger, truck-based SUVs. So it doesn't tout quite as many mothers-in-law — who care?

RAY: And the Santa Fe still has the world's best-designed rear-ride-gate handle. Its shape fits your hand, your hand, and it's located right where your right hand would naturally reach out, rather than in the middle of the lift gate, same as most of them are. If you had an auto for rear-ride-gate handles, it would absolutely go to the Santa Fe.

TOM: Add to that a very reasonable price and a 3-year/50,000-mile powertrain warranty, and you really can't go wrong.

RAY: But you're right to test-drive other vehicles, Janet. You might find a ride in the Toyota RAV4, the Honda CR-V or the Ford Escape (which has a high-mileage, hybrid-electric version). You want to make sure that whatever you drive, you feel comfortable and in control behind the wheel. Some cars just "fit" some people better than others — like that plaid suit, white belt and white shoes fit my brother.

TOM: And if you're comfortable, you'll probably buy it. You might be a better driver. So, look around to see which small SUV feels right to you. We'll be glad to let you know what you end up with.

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TUESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

EXCHANGE RATES

INDEXES				
52-week High	Low	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD 52-week High
13,521.82	9,855.00	18.00	+0.13	13,521.82
3,521.82	2,743.46	-40.00	-1.13	3,521.82
3,441.01	2,426.36	-20.00	-0.58	3,441.01
6,798.12	5,522.45	10.00	+0.15	6,798.12
1,319.75	1,055.81	1.00	+0.08	1,319.75
1,513.75	1,252.82	1.00	+0.08	1,513.75
1,163.23	1,031.20	5.00	+0.49	1,163.23
1,846.45	1,545.26	5.00	+0.32	1,846.45
588.44	515.50	1.00	+0.19	588.44
11,371.14	10,055.28	10.00	+0.10	11,371.14

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
Most Active (\$1 or more)				Most Active (\$1 or more)				Most Active (\$1 or more)			
Name	Vol	01	Chg	Name	Vol	01	Chg	Name	Vol	01	Chg
Merck	63299	26.90	-1.48	Smith Barney	196392	32.48	+1.18	MicroSoft	838572	28.24	+1.46
AMD	19639	1.90	+0.04	IBM Corp	72403	16.53	+1.18	Intel Corp	100000	25.25	+0.83
Phizer	20571	26.80	-1.10	Sentivir	227383	32.48	+0.09	MicroStr	939811	4.11	-1.17
Northern H	20326	24.90	-1.10	Smith Barney	162119	32.42	-0.48	Sirius	427130	3.16	+0.65
SPDR S&P	19639	1.90	+0.10	SPDR S&P	72403	16.53	+1.18	Altria	20571	1.90	+0.04
Testast	17237	3.40	-0.52	ES Energy	32424	34.41	-0.52	Oracle	422340	12.80	+0.85
Genielec	15850	34.40	+0.36	Shutterstock	65664	10.62	+1.12	Cisco	308656	19.29	+0.83
AMT	15850	34.40	+0.36	Shutterstock	65664	10.62	+1.12	SanDisk	308656	19.29	+0.83
Corning	16637	11.75	-0.88	Shutterstock	65661	11.65	+0.45	IOS Univer	308656	11.52	+0.82

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% Chg
Atlantic Technology	48	34.58	-0.11	-0.24
Boeing	30	14.48	-0.08	-0.54
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EXCHANGE RATES				
Japanese yen (Nov. 3)	103.00			
South Korean won (Nov. 3)	1,080.00			
Euro (Nov. 3)	1.36			
British pound (Nov. 3)	0.58			
Swiss franc (Nov. 3)	1.38			
Canadian dollar (Nov. 3)	0.68			
Chinese yuan (Nov. 3)	8.27			
Indian rupee (Nov. 3)	47.83			
Thai baht (Nov. 3)	35.48			
Malaysian ringgit (Nov. 3)	3.40			
Singapore dollar (Nov. 3)	1.36			
Chinese yuan (Nov. 3)	8.27			
Indian rupee (Nov. 3)	47.83			
Thai baht (Nov. 3)	35.48			
Malaysian ringgit (Nov. 3)	3.40			
Singapore dollar (Nov. 3)	1.36			

Japan (Yen)	106.
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.29
Norway (Krone)	6.43
Philippines (Peso)	56.
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.
Singapore (Dollar)	1.6
South Korea (Won)	1,114.
Switzerland (Franc)	1.21
Thailand (Baht)	41.
Turkey (Lira)	1,470,588.

(Military exchange rates are not available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.)

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% Chg
Fidelity Asset Manager	36.38	36.38	+0.28	+0.76
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Money tip of the day

Wells Fargo data theft

NEW YORK — Thousands of Wells Fargo & Co. mortgage and student-loan customers may be at risk for identity theft after four computers were stolen last month from a vendor that prints loan statements.

The computers were taken from the Atlanta office of Regulus Integrated Solutions LLC contained customer names, addresses, and social security and account numbers.

No passwords or personal-identification numbers were in the database.

The stolen information has been misused," Wells Fargo spokeswoman Janis Smith said.

Regulus, which also serves other big banks, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

The bank declined to say how

many people may be affected. But Wells Fargo, a \$422 billion financial-services company, has about 4.9 million mortgage customers and serves about 890,000 customers through its education-finance division.

The bank notified customers by mail last week after finding out about the theft and urged them to take precautions such as filing a security alert with the three major credit bureaus.

Additionally, the bank is offering a free year of its credit-monitoring service, Wells Fargo Select Identity Theft Protection, to customers who enroll by March 31, 2005.

It marks the third time in about a year computers have been stolen containing personal data of Wells Fargo customers.

The bank said it isn't aware of any misuse from the two previous occasions.

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% Chg
Gold	520.00			
Silver	7.07			
Platinum	1,000.00			
Palladium	1,000.00			
Rhodium	1,000.00			
Iridium	1,000.00			
Osmium	1,000.00			
Ruthenium	1,000.00			
Technetium	1,000.00			
Yttrium	1,000.00			
Zirconium	1,000.00			

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% Chg
Prime rate	4.75			
Discount rate	4.75			
Federal funds market rate	4.75			
3-month bill	4.75			
3-year bond	4.75			
10-year bond	4.75			
Source: The Associated Press, Bank of America				

FRIDAY EVENING / NOVEMBER 5, 2004

MOVIES

SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P King of the Hill ("Philly and Wildlife") Hank's survival teachings.	That '70s Show ("The Kids Are All- right") Eric has sec- ond thoughts.	The Apprentice (C)	Survivor: Yuuatai, Islands of Fire ("The Battle Really Begins") (N) (C)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (C)	Late Show (C)	Access Hollywood (C)				
7	AFN-AT 5:35 Guiding Light (C)	(17) General Hos- pital (C)	Headline News	Judge Judy (C)	Today (C)		Teacher's Pet ("Mutamorphosis") (C)	What's New Scoo- py-Do? (C)	Ozzy & Dixie (Part 2 of 2) (C)	The Brothers Gar- cia "Big Break"		
8	NEWS PrimeTime Thursday (C)	The O'Reilly Factor (C)		Good Morning America (C)			Headline News	Channel One	The Early Show (C)			
9	SPORTS #14:00 Sports	SportsCenter		#NFL Total Access			#Sports			#Baseball Tonight		
10	SPECT The Simpsons Homer opens a bar in his garage.	Everybody Loves Raymond Robert Amy break up.	Charmed "Prince Charming" Paige and Phoebe conjure up Mr. Right as a bribe day present for Piper. (C)	Boston Public Harper gets steamed when he finds out his daughter is dating a 27-year-old. (C)	Arctic Mission "Some Like It Hot" Polar- oids and climate.	Friends Ross has a disturbing secret.	Seinfeld George winks at the wrong people.	The Daily Show (C)	Blind Date (C)			
11	AFN-FM SpongeBob Rugrats (C)	ChalkZone (C)	The Weekenders	Jimmy Neutron All That (8-40) *** "What Lies Beneath" (2002) Hansen Ford, Michael Henne.	Lizzie McGuire	Sabrina-Witch Switched (C)	Radio-Hoscoe	The Cosby Show	Home Improve.			
12	AFM-OW H. Bustos "Serving Sex" (2002, Comedy) Campbell, A process serves a woman turn the tables on her mate. PG-13	Ent-Tonight *** "Rushmore" (1999, Comedy) Jason Schwartzman, Bill Murray "Equilibrium" (2002, Science Fiction) Guy Pearce A futuristic human rebels against the AI.	*** "Rushmore" (1999, Comedy) Jason Schwartzman, Bill Murray "Equilibrium" (2002, Science Fiction) Guy Pearce A futuristic human rebels against the AI.	Washington Week (N) (C)	Wall Street Week (N) (C)	Now With Bill Moyers (N) (C)	*** "Vampires Anonymous" (2003, Comedy) Paul Pogopovich, Michael Madson, Nicole Forster. A vampire en- folds in a 12-step program. (N) (C)	*** "Vampires Anonymous" (2003, Comedy) Paul Pogopovich, Michael Madson, Nicole Forster. A vampire en- folds in a 12-step program. (N) (C)	*** "Multiplicity" (1995, Comedy) *** "While You Were Sleep- ing" (1995)			
24	PBS Oregon Takes A jump-rope into the jaws (C) (DVS)	Zoom (E) (C) (DVS)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (C)	(40) Huff Around the Edges	Washington Week (N) (C)	Wall Street Week (N) (C)	Now With Bill Moyers (N) (C)	*** "Vampires Anonymous" (2003, Comedy) Paul Pogopovich, Michael Madson, Nicole Forster. A vampire en- folds in a 12-step program. (N) (C)	*** "Multiplicity" (1995, Comedy) *** "While You Were Sleep- ing" (1995)	Charlie Rose (N) (C)		
25	SHOW *** "Extreme Ops" (2003, Action) Devon Scales, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras, Rupert Graves. Athletes run off of a Serbian warlord in the mountains. PG-13 (C)	*** "Extreme Ops" (2003, Action) Devon Scales, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras, Rupert Graves. Athletes run off of a Serbian warlord in the mountains. PG-13 (C)	(40) Huff Around the Edges	Washington Week (N) (C)	Wall Street Week (N) (C)	Now With Bill Moyers (N) (C)	*** "Vampires Anonymous" (2003, Comedy) Paul Pogopovich, Michael Madson, Nicole Forster. A vampire en- folds in a 12-step program. (N) (C)	*** "Multiplicity" (1995, Comedy) *** "While You Were Sleep- ing" (1995)	Charlie Rose (N) (C)			
26	A&E City Confidential Blown Away Missing ranch hands. (C)	American Justice "The Black Widow" A woman is in a wild predic- ament to a killer. (C)	American Justice "The Black Widow" A woman is in a wild predic- ament to a killer. (C)	Biography "MacArthur: The Life of a Legend" The life of the man who helped shape the world. PG-13 (C)	Biography "MacArthur: The Life of a Legend" The life of the man who helped shape the world. PG-13 (C)	Biography "MacArthur: The Life of a Legend" The life of the man who helped shape the world. PG-13 (C)	Biography "MacArthur: The Life of a Legend" The life of the man who helped shape the world. PG-13 (C)	Biography "MacArthur: The Life of a Legend" The life of the man who helped shape the world. PG-13 (C)	Biography "MacArthur: The Life of a Legend" The life of the man who helped shape the world. PG-13 (C)	American Justice "Murder & B's" The life of a man who helped shape the world. PG-13 (C)		
28	DISC To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Africa's Great Rivers	Africa's Great Rivers	Wild and Dangerous	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced		
29	TFC Patrol International Edition	(25) Wuz Up Wuz Up (C)	(15) Bida Si Mister, Bida Si Maia	(45) Y Speak	(45) Y Speak	Belting America (N) (C)	Good Morning Kris (N) (C)	(40) Masanyang Tanghai Bayan	(45) SGC Reload			
30	CNN+ Larry King Live	CNN World News	World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNN World News	World Sport	Biz Asia	The Music Room		
31	GOLF *** Inside the PGA Tour Clean Sweep "Sports of All Sorts" Books and sports memorabilia domain space.	European PGA Golf Dunhill Links Championship - First Round. From Scotland.	What Not to Wear "Belinda" Caring about appearance. (C)	What Not to Wear "Melanie" (N) (C)	What Not to Wear "Melanie" (N) (C)	What Not to Wear "Melanie" (N) (C)	What Not to Wear "Melanie" (N) (C)	What Not to Wear "Melanie" (N) (C)	What Not to Wear "Melanie" (N) (C)	What Not to Wear "Melanie" (N) (C)		
32	TLC Samurai Jack Dexter's Laboratory Codename: Kids Next Door	Teen Titans	Powerpuff Girls	Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts.	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes		
34	TOON The Crocodile Hunter Diaries "Operation Sul" Su! makes a full recovery. (C)	Animal Icons "Garfield" Garfield's fame spans different medias.	Animal Icons "Garfield" Garfield's fame spans different medias.	Animal Icons "Garfield" Garfield's fame spans different medias.	Animal Icons "Garfield" Garfield's fame spans different medias.	Animal Icons "Garfield" Garfield's fame spans different medias.	Animal Icons "Garfield" Garfield's fame spans different medias.	Animal Icons "Garfield" Garfield's fame spans different medias.	Animal Icons "Garfield" Garfield's fame spans different medias.	Animal Icons "Garfield" Garfield's fame spans different medias.		
35	ANPL Travel Stick Crossroads "Love Thy Gay" (C) Der. (C)	The Daily Show Billy Crudup. (C)	MTV Green Day Crank Yankers Glady's class about charm classes.	South Park (C)	South Park (C)	South Park (C)	South Park (C)	South Park (C)	South Park (C)	South Park (C)		
36	COM To Be Announced	Snake Wranglers	Croc Chronicles	Trail: Island of the Apes	To Be Announced	Dream deats	Death by Natural Causes					
40	NGC-A World's Wildest Police Videos (C)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Play With Fire" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)		
42	SPK Remington Steele "To Stop a Slave" Laura and Remington investigate a jeo- nary robbery. (C)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Play With Fire" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)		
43	Fox Remington Steele "To Stop a Slave" Laura and Remington investigate a jeo- nary robbery. (C)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Play With Fire" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)		
44	BET Rocky & Bullwinkle Top 10 Live! (C)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Play With Fire" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)		
46	COURT Hollywood Heat Body of Evidence Cops Man is stabbed in his back. (C)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Play With Fire" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)		
48	STR-UD The Simpsons The Drew Carey Show (C)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Play With Fire" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)		
50	LIFE My Husband's Secret Life (1998, Drama) Diane Aronson. James Russo, Maria Conchita Alonso. A cop's widow learns that her husband had a mistress.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Play With Fire" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)		
51	ABC-AM 7th Heaven A sister shows up with infant family name, Cecilia plays matchmaker. (C)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Play With Fire" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)		
53	HIST Hiller's Women "Eva Braun" How Eva Became Adolf Hitler's mistress. (C)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Play With Fire" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)		
57	STR-IM 6:00 *** "Newsies" (1992, Musical) Christian Bale. Inspired by the 1899 New York Newsboys strike.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Play With Fire" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Inside the Box" (C) (DVS)		
58	ADV 1 Game for It	Silent Killers	Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking	Out There "Trial by Fire" Wildfires.	Beyond the Horizon	Shoot the Cre- ature	Adventure Planet	Game for It	Shoot the Cre- ature	Adventure Planet		
59	MTV My Life (Translat- ed) "Paradise" (N)	One Bad Trip	The Real World Breaks up with his girlfriend. (C)	The Real World Breaks up with his girlfriend. (C)	The Real World Breaks up with his girlfriend. (C)	The Real World Breaks up with his girlfriend. (C)	The Real World Breaks up with his girlfriend. (C)	The Real World Breaks up with his girlfriend. (C)	The Real World Breaks up with his girlfriend. (C)	The Real World Breaks up with his girlfriend. (C)		
60	NICK SpongeBob Squair/Pants (C)	Rugrats Angelica meets Santa girl. (E) (C)	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp		

JAPAN TV

Morning
730 Disney (12)
5:00 PM Ball: Aeon Japan All-Star Series Pre-
view (6)
5:10 NIKK: Trophy International Figure Skat-
ing Grand Prix (1)
5:50 News (6)
Evening
6:05 Pro Ball: Aeon Japan All-Star Series
Game 1 (6)
7:00 NIKK (1)
7:30 NIKK: Trophy International Figure Skat-
ing Grand Prix (1)
8:00 NIKK: Trophy International Figure Skat-
ing Grand Prix (1)
8:30 NIKK: Trophy International Figure Skat-
ing Grand Prix (1)
9:00 French-Les. Movie (1997): The Fifth Ele-
ment (22:14)
10:00 News (1)
2:40 U.S. Movie (1997): The Second Civil War
(1:53:18)

2:44 CBS Documentary (6)
3:10 U.S. Movie (1980): Code of Silence
(1:50:12)

JAPAN TV-B57

Morning
7:15 World News
8:15 World News
9:15 World News Hour
11:15 CNN News
12:15 ABC News
12:35 NIKK: Miyayama's Golf Lesson (12)
2:15 PBS NewsHour
2:35 NIKK: Miyayama's Golf Lesson (12)
4:15 World News Hour
4:35 NIKK: Miyayama's Golf Lesson (12)
Evening
6:15 CNN News
6:35 NIKK: Miyayama's Golf Lesson (12)
7:15 News Today: Asia
8:15 News Today: World
9:15 Economic News

11:10 World Reports
11:15 NFL: New York Giants vs. Minnesota Vi-
kings
2:15 World News
3:15 World News
4:15 World News
5:10 PGA Golf: The Tour Championship, 2nd
round

JAPAN TV-B511

Morning
10:10 U.S. Movie: NHK Symphony Or-
chestra Concert (conductor: Vladimir
Klimov) (1:29:27)
Evening
7:00 NIKK: Miyayama's Golf Lesson (12)
7:30 NIKK: Miyayama's Golf Lesson (12)
8:00 U.S. Movie (1987): The Untouchables
(2:05)
12:30 Classical Music: NHK Music Festival
2004 - Winner Symphoniker (conductor:
Takao Kuroki)

Morning
6:00 U.S. Movie (1980): Little Darlings (1:37)
10:00 News
12:00 TV Series: Sex and the City
12:30 TV Series: Sex and the City
1:00 American Movie (2002): Tattler (1:50)
2:30 U.S. Movie (2002): Spy Kids 3: Game
Over (1:25:15)
4:15 French-Bill Movie (2002): Decalage
Horale (1:30)

JAPAN TV-B511

Evening
10:10 U.S. Movie (2002): Final Destination 2
(1:29:27)
12:00 TV Series: Friends the Final
12:30 TV Series: Friends the Final
1:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Don't Say a Word
(2:00)

11:00 Top Choice
12:00 Classic '90s
1:00 News
1:30 Consensus: Backstreet Boys
2:00 Pure Music
3:00 Tom Cruise Special: M. Tom V
3:30 First 10 Minutes
4:00 U.S. Movie: Special: Missy Elliott, Vanes
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OPINION

Democrats' march was a series of missteps

"I think the Union army had something to do with it."
— Gen. George Pickett, years afterward, on why his charge at Gettysburg failed.

John Kerry's liberalism had something to do with his defeat. Hence so did this: By Jan. 20, 2009, all the elected presidents for 44 consecutive years will have come from three Southern states — Texas, Arkansas, Georgia — and Southern California.

Kerry ran a high-risk "biography candidacy" based on a four-month period 35 years ago. His contrasting silence about his 20 Senate years echoed. He was an anomalous kind of challenger. The most important change he promised would be either restorations or resistances. That is, he campaigned as the candidate of complacency, albeit a curbed, backward-looking complacency. Regarding foreign policy, he promised to turn the clock back, to the alliance-centered foreign policy prior to the intrusion of the "nuisance" of terrorism. Regarding domestic policy, he promised to stop the clock, preventing any forward movement on entitlement reform to cope with the baby boomers' retirement.

Never did Kerry himself do anything to change the campaign's dynamics. He counted on events in Iraq, and on the power of his

party's unceasing belief that Bush is an imbecile. But Democrats cannot disguise their bewilderment about how to appeal to a country that is so backward, they think, that it finds Bush appealing.

Democrats ... should rethink their compressed nominating calendar — Kerry was effectively selected by the 135,000 who voted for him in Iowa and New Hampshire — and the fetish of allowing those two states ... to dominate the process.

As part of its penance for nominating a senator, and one more liberal (according to Americans for Democratic Action) than Walter Mondale, the Democratic Party should purge its Michael Moore faction. Moore is unhinged by his loathing of Bush and of the country that has re-elected him.

Moore and the hordes of his enthusiasts are a stain on the party — as are those Democratic senators and representatives who in June made a merry festival of the Washington premiere of "Fahrenheit 9/11." Moore illustrates the fact that the Republican Party benefits — it is energized by resentment — when the entertainment industry and major journalistic institutions (e.g., The New York Times, CBS News) enlist as appendages of the Democratic Party's advocacy apparatus.

Never have Americans felt less affinity with Europe, but never have their politics been more European, meaning organized around ideologically homogenous parties. Just 25 years ago there were many liberals and conservatives in both parties. On Tuesday, moderate-to-conservative Texas Democratic congressmen were defeated, the result of a second redistricting since the 2000 Census. A conservative Georgia Repub-



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lican won a Senate seat vacated by a conservative Democrat and a conservative Louisiana Republican won a seat vacated by a moderate Democrat. This nearly completes the process of producing a perfect overlap of America's ideological and party parameters.

Unlike the two most recent incumbent presidents re-elected, Bush did not run on rhetorical froth — "Morning Again in America" (1984), "A Bridge to the 21st Century" (1996). He will feel vindicated in his foreign policy and empowered for his well-advised domestic agenda of tax cuts, tort re-

form, entitlement reform and conservative judicial nominees ...

Since 2000, the issues driving civic discourse have changed radically but the electoral map has changed negligibly ...

The nation's population center did not cross the Mississippi until the 1980 Census. Today it is in Phelps County, Mo., heading southwest, away from the Democratic Party with its apparently metabolic impulse to ignore such realities.

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Strategists did their homework, and Bush benefited

Never shy about its claims, the Bush White House sent Chief of Staff Andrew Card out at the ungodly hour of 5:39 a.m. Wednesday to advise that President Bush had re-election by cinching the 20 electoral votes of Ohio.

This time, the boast was better-founded than was the similar claim four years ago when Florida was still locked in a dispute that would eventually last 36 days and wind up in the Supreme Court.

Within hours, John Kerry placed the phone call to the president conceding that Ohio would be in the Republican column again — and Bush could stay in the White House.

This time, unlike 2000, Bush bested the Democrat nominee in the national popular vote, the standard most Americans tell pollsters they believe should determine who sits in the Oval Office. He leads Kerry by 3 1/2 million votes.

And he did it the right way — the old-fashioned way — by galvanizing more of his supporters than Kerry managed to do. This was not, as some embittered Democrats had forecast, the result of voter intimidation or suppression. Democrats and their allies in labor and liberal organizations did their best job ever of mobilizing their base, only to see the Republicans match and exceed that effort. What happened this year was foreshadowed by the Republican success in the mid-term election of 2002. Much as it may pain them to admit it, Democrats have to realize that the combination of Bush's appeal to conservatives and the organizational techniques developed under the direction of Karl Rove are beating them at their own game.

This was another top-to-bottom Republican victory one that expanded GOP majorities in the House and Senate, just as the 2002 election had done, and defeated the Democrats' skillful Senate leader, Tom Daschle, in the process. Bush strategist Rove and his partner, Ken Mehlman, the manager of the president's campaign, devoted an unprecedented \$125 million or more and years of work to identifying potential Bush supporters in battleground states such as Ohio — and then getting them to the polls.

They applied on a national scale the tools Rove developed with Bush's encouragement in converting Texas into a one-party state during the six years of Bush's governorship.

A crucial element of the strategy is the mobilization of religious conservatives, those normally more conscientious about going to church than about voting. Exit polls showed more than 1 in 5 voters Tuesday named moral values as the most important issue determining their vote — more than cited terrorism, the economy or Iraq. More than three-quarters of them supported Bush.

Terrorism was Bush's trump card in this political game, a high card he had picked up by his stalwart performance following the 9/11 attacks and the emotional bond he formed with millions of Americans at that time.

But the economy and Iraq had disappointed or dismayed most of those who went to the polls, and it was remarkable Bush could overcome issues that would have sunk most other candidates.

It may well turn out, once the returns are analyzed in detail, that the Supreme Court of Kerry's own Massachusetts helped the mobilization of these traditionalist and fundamentalist religious voters by its decision last year approving gay marriage.

That decision spurred the submission of anti-gay marriage initiatives that were passed on Tuesday in all 11 states where they made the ballot — including Ohio. Phil Burress, who ran the Ohio initiative campaign, told me last week that the volunteers who collected the signatures to qualify it for the ballot also registered 54,000 new voters.

The Massachusetts court decision was "a lightning bolt that hit right in the public and ignited the whole congregation," he said.

That will no doubt curb Bush's mind when he contemplates choices for the U.S. Supreme Court, a process whose imminence was dramatized on election eve by the disclosure of Chief Justice William Rehnquist's serious illness.

Democrats were well aware that the future of the judiciary was only one of the prizes at stake in this year's election. They came close to winning, and can point to the frailty of the mandate that Bush received from a nation still deeply divided, one where most women, city dwellers and minorities voted against the president.

But the democratic process — in an election that fulfilled all its most important requirements — endorsed the Bush presidency. And if we know anything about him, we know he will exercise the full powers of his office.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Bungled rescue

MI WARREN — A man trying to stop a robbery at a gasoline station ended up smashing a plate glass window, wrecking his car and calling police on the wrong man. The suspect escaped, minus a shoe, and remains at large.

Michael Lonsway, 43, had pulled into a Shell station in Warren, a suburb of Detroit, when he saw a man run inside and dart behind the counter. Seconds later, an employee stepped back toward a window, hands held high.

Lonsway said he pulled his sedan within a few feet of the entrance, hoping to surprise the robber upon exit.

As the robber climbed across the hood of Lonsway's car, the vehicle plowed through a window, shattering the glass and knocking over merchandise.

The impact knocked off one of the robber's shoes and a fake pistol from his hand.

The robber fled, and Lonsway chased him. He says he thought he saw the robber drive off in a Cadillac and called police on his mobile phone. It was someone else. Authorities have a description of the robber and are pursuing leads.

Police say they don't advise people to follow Lonsway's example.

Death suit settled

FL MIAMI — The state has agreed to pay \$1.45 million to settle a lawsuit filed by the mother of a teenager who died in agony from a burst appendix in a juvenile jail.

Cherry Williams sued the state and Miami Children's Hospital for \$25 million over the death last year of her son, 17-year-old Omar Paisley, alleging jail employees and nurses ignored his desperate pleas for help for three days before he died.

The hospital, which was under contract to provide nurses at the jail, also agreed to settle but did not disclose the terms.

The death prompted a shake-up in the Department of Juvenile Justice and the departure of nearly two dozen employees, including the agency's secretary and the jail's superintendent. Two nurses have been charged with manslaughter and murder.

Student still missing

PA STATE COLLEGE — Police are no closer to finding Penn State student Cindy Song now than they were when she disappeared three years ago.

Song, 21, from South Korea, was last seen outside her apartment early on Nov. 1, 2001, after attending a Halloween party.

Leads are drying up, and many of Song's friends who had given information to police have left the area in the years since her death.

At the height of the investigation, state police had five or six troopers working on the case. Now, two troopers do "routine updates," said state police Capt. Joseph Holmberg, who last spoke to Song's family eight months ago.

A year ago, the lead investigator in the case, Ferguson Township Detective Brian Sprinkle, said he had obtained "absolutely the best lead yet" while probing the possible involvement of con-



victed bank robber Hugo Selenksi in the woman's disappearance.

But Song was not among five sets of remains unearthed from the backyard of Selenksi's Luzerne County home last year, and Selenksi has not been charged in her death.

Residents return home

WV HUNTINGTON — Most of the 2,000 people forced to evacuate after a 22,000-gallon railroad tanker leaked chemicals into a creek and sewer system have been permitted to return home.

The leak in Huntington, a small city near the Ohio border, prompted initial fears that the concentrated vapors could explode.

Emergency crews have so far removed about 42,000 gallons of contaminated material and are no longer concerned about an explosion.

At least 80 percent of the affected area had tested free of benzene, a chemical contained in the spilled oil that can cause dizziness, drowsiness and unconsciousness when inhaled, said Rudy Raynes of the state's Regional Response Team.

Ramadan banners flying

CA SAN DIEGO — Banners celebrating the Muslim holy month of Ramadan were again flying from a neighborhood's light posts, a week after the city removed them in a dispute that drew protests and claims of hypocrisy.

Abdur-Rahim Hameed said he cried with joy when he saw the



Casting out to sea

Tom Schuck is silhouetted against the setting sun's reflection on the water as he fishes in the Delaware Bay in Fortescue, N.J.

2-by-6-foot banners, which have been raised annually for six years.

"It was just like 'The Grinch Who Stole Christmas,'" he said.

Hameed was among several entrepreneurs in the Diamond Business Improvement District who objected when a city code enforcement officer ordered the removal of the banners, which say Ramadan Mubarak, or Blessed Ramadan, around a star and crescent moon.

It was somewhat unclear why the 16 banners were taken down.

Girl survives days in a car

NY NEW YORK — A 2-year-old girl survived four days in a parked sport utility vehicle with the body of her slain mother, police said Friday.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said authorities were investigating the apparent mishandling of a 911 call that could have led to the rescue of Rosie Batista a day earlier.

The little girl, who had been strapped into a child's seat, was hospitalized for dehydration and was in stable condition Friday.

Leonardo Almonte, 32, was arrested Friday on murder, kidnapping and reckless endangerment charges. Police said he lived with the child's mother, Cesarina Colon, 32, but was not Rosie's father.

Investigators said they believe Almonte killed Colon by throwing her to the floor and choking her during an argument Saturday at their Queens home. He allegedly dumped her body in the passenger seat of a SUV, placed the child in the back seat and drove to a remote street about a mile away.

A security camera at a nearby business recorded Almonte parking the vehicle early Sunday, police said. A coat had been thrown over Colon's head.

Student death accidental

CO COLORADO SPRINGS — A Colorado College student who fell to her death from a fourth-floor dorm window was "acutely intoxicated" but had no illegal drugs in her system, the El Paso County coroner said.

Toxicology tests show Amanda Morrison, 20, of Clifton Park in Saratoga County, N.Y., had a blood-alcohol level of 0.22 percent. The legal blood-alcohol level for driving in Colorado is .08 percent.

Morrison's roommate told police they had smoked marijuana and drank for up to 2½ hours Oct. 21 before Morrison lost her balance on the dorm window. Police said they found empty liquor bottles, marijuana and prescription drugs in the room. The coroner found no illegal drugs in Morrison's system and ruled the death accidental.

Rockets incinerated

AL ANNISTON — The Army said it has incinerated the last of more than 42,000 sarin-filled rockets stored in dirt-covered bunkers at Anniston Army Depot. A chemical weapons incinerator will now be used to destroy thousands more aging Cold War-era agents and gases stockpiled there.



Still cleaning up

John Danila, of Big Dog's Tree Service in Ormond Beach, Fla., cuts down a wayward pine tree damaged in recent hurricanes.



Nothing but blue skies

Pilot Eddie Andreini flies his Boeing Stearman over the crowd at Vandenberg Air Force Base near Lompoc, Calif., during the Western Air and Space Show.



Changing seasons

Fall leaves frame a student crossing the snow-covered campus of Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz.



51 shopping days left

A city worker decorates one of about 60 palm trees with Christmas lights in Tavares, Fla.



Waiting for a ride

Austin Middle School student Donovan Andrews, 13, finds shelter

from blowing wind and snow as he waits for a ride after school in Amarillo, Texas. The first winter storm of the season rolled across the panhandle this week with rain, sleet, snow and windchills in the teens.



Misty morning

Timmy Hord plays the bagpipes at the 25th annual Waxhaw Scottish Highland Games at Cane Creek Park near Waxhaw, N.C. Around 40 clans, representing different families of Scottish descent, took part in the traditional games.



Stormy weather

A cloud approaches the Arkansas River as a storm moves into Fort Smith, Ark., from eastern Oklahoma.

Body found in plant

ID COEUR D'ALENE — The crushed body of a homeless man was found between layers of compacted cardboard at recycling plant.

Police have identified the 42-year-old man but are withholding his name until his family can be notified. Investigators believe his death was accidental, Sgt. Christie Wood said. The body was found Friday in a 40-foot pile of crushed cardboard at Blusheim Recycling, which uses a compactor truck to service recycling bins between Hayden and Coeur d'Alene.

Radioactive gauge found

VA RICHMOND — A measuring device containing radioactive material was found in a coastal Virginia pawnshop almost two weeks after it was stolen from a truck while the driver stopped.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is investigating how the gauge was secured before the theft, spokesman Neil Sheehan said. "It either has to be under surveillance or has to be locked up. Neither was occurring," he said.

Pawn shop owner Mitchell Dunbar said he paid \$30 for the foot-long shielding container but didn't know what to make of it at first. He said he only learned from a TV news report that the device was stolen and contained radioactive material.

Dunbar said he gave authorities information on the seller. The company owning the device could face NRC fines for failing to secure the device.

News program canceled

CA WESTMINSTER — A Vietnamese television station in southern California canceled a news program after it briefly aired images of the communist Vietnamese flag and Ho Chi Minh, the founder of communist Vietnam.

Executives at Saigon TV canceled "Vietnamese American Xpress," a weekly half-hour English-language program, and issued a public apology after dozens of angry viewers complained about the flag and photos.

Michael Nguyen, head of Saigon TV, said it is considered unacceptable to show images of Ho or the communist flag in Vietnamese media in the United States because they can be offensive to Vietnamese refugees.

Saigon TV is privately owned and broadcast statewide.

The segment was about protests that erupted in 1999 when a video store owner in Orange County's "Little Saigon" community, home to the largest concentration of Vietnamese outside of Vietnam, hung the flag and a poster of Ho in his shop.

Truck driver convicted

KS WICHITA — A jury convicted a truck driver of killing and decapitating a housekeeper nearly a dozen years after he was mistakenly freed in a rape case due to mislabeled evidence.

Douglas S. Belt, 42, was convicted of capital murder, attempted rape and aggravated arson for the slaying of 43-year-old Lucille Gal-

legos. Belt faces a possible death sentence when the trial's penalty phase begins.

Prosecutors said Belt had a pattern of violent behavior that began in the late 1980s and ended with Gallegos' slaying in the Wichita apartment where she worked in June 2002.

Last year, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation admitted that Belt was mistakenly cleared of a 1991 rape when another person's DNA sample was accidentally labeled with his name in an agency lab.

The mistake was discovered after Belt's arrest for the housekeeper's death when a DNA sample matched the blood evidence from the 1991 case, as well as several other rape cases. Bureau director Larry Welch later apologized, saying the mistake allowed Belt "to remain free and to continue criminal activity."

Sentence for '75 murder

MA CAMBRIDGE — A man was sentenced to 19 to 20 years in prison for strangling a 14-year-old girl in 1975, a case that remained closed for more than 20 years when police read a diary kept by the man's mother.

David Allen Jones, 45, was the 16-year-old neighbor of Robin Gilbert when her body was found on a golf course in Needham.

Shortly after her death, a medical examiner ruled that she died as a result of heart disease. The case remained closed until 1996, when authorities received a tip that led them to a diary kept by Jones' mother. The contents have not been disclosed.

Gilbert's body was exhumed and, in 1997, a different medical examiner conducted a second autopsy, finding that Gilbert had been strangled.

Jones was arrested at his home in Georgia in 1997 and charged with murder. A jury convicted him of the lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter.

Church bulldozed

MS VICKSBURG — A man was arrested on vandalism charges after police said he drove a bulldozer into a church, an attack parishioners claim was racially motivated.

Zee Beined was arrested and charged with felony malicious mischief, Detective Todd Dykes said. The bulldozer struck the trailer that housed the First Assembly of Yaweh Vicksburg.

The church has a black congregation and the suspect is white.

Church members said they suspect the act was racially motivated and have asked the FBI to investigate.

The bulldozer was parked 100 yards behind the trailer.

Silencing the whistles

MO ST. JOSEPH — The warning whistles that wail 60 times a day as freight trains approach downtown crossings do more than jolt people in nearby homes, businesses and hotels. Officials say they also threaten the city's efforts to attract downtown development.

They hope new federal rules allowing railroad "quiet zones" will force trains to sound their horn only during emergencies.

Stories and photos from wire services

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Baby Bites



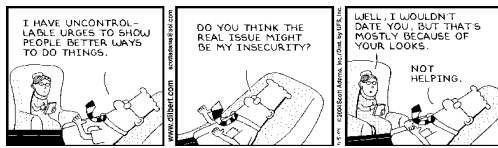
Spider Man



Blondie



Dilbert



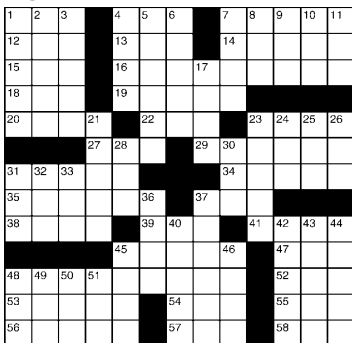
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Garfield



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

- 1 —relief
4 Orange vegetable
7 "Maltese Falcon" sleuth
12 Past
13 Fuss
14 Claw
15 Hosiery shade
16 Last one in?
18 Figure head? (Abbr.)
19 Night vision?
20 The lady's
22 Freddy's street
23 Verifiable
27 Possessed
29 Satisfy
31 Frequently
34 Mystery writers' award
35 Irving Berlin song
37 Blue
38 Reindeer's runaway
39 Prompt
41 88 days on Mercury
45 Bamboo eater
47 Thai language
48 Dutch port
52 Sphere
53 Lie in store for
54 Call-day link
55 34-Across' eponym
56 Home on the range?
57 Cub Scout group
58 Conclusion

Down

- 1 Sheetload of cookies
2 Open-mouthed
3 Bat signal?
4 Play area
5 Put on a pedestal
6 "Psycho" setting
7 Branch
8 Skillet
9 RenFest beverage
10 Follow relentlessly
11 U.K. tongue
12 Pack down
21 Bundle of wheat
23 White House nickname
24 Scott Joplin's genre
25 "Surfin'" — verse
28 Whatever amount
30 Meadow
31 Scull tool
32 "Alice" spinoff
33 Jefferson's bill
36 Cicatrix
37 Tranquilize
40 Loosened
42 Seek a J.P., maybe
43 Brown of CNN
44 In a kimono, maybe
45 Sampras or Seeger
46 — for All Seasons?
48 Switch
49 Buy now, pay later
50 Savion Glover's skill
51 Father's Day gift

Answer to Previous Puzzle



11-5 CRYPTOQUIP

Y P V G R G Y S G D K S P R K
D G Y H I G K S Y N G A U V G V P D G
A P Z D U F G P Z Y , A D G U S H K F

U N P J I G D A P J D U I P .
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A CARPENTER GETS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A CRIMINAL ACT, I SUPPOSE HE'S NAILED.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals O

Keep hands off stepdaughter

Dear Abby: I have a problem I can't discuss with my family. I am 45 years old, married for 12 years, and I am in love with my wife's daughter from her first marriage.

"Dana" is 24 and married. I have had these feelings for her for quite some time. Dana is fun to be around and very pretty when she smiles. We have talked when she has been over to visit her mother, and she drives me crazy. My wife says I have a crush on her daughter. Thank God she doesn't know what I'm thinking.

I asked Dana out to dinner one night, just the two of us. It was going well until I spilled my wine and told her how I felt about her. She was shocked. The only thing she said was I was married to her mother and she was married. I asked her if she had anything else to say, and she replied that she didn't know what to say. Needless to say, the rest of the night didn't go well. I took her to her car and told her the offer was always open.

Dear Abby



Four days later, I sent her a dozen red roses with a card that said, "Let's be friends." Now she treats me like I have the plague. What should I do? Just wait, and pray she'll talk to me?

— **Smitten in San Antonio**

Dear Smitten: No. The first thing you should do is take a cold shower and wake up. You have slipped from fantasy into obsession, created a rift in the family and made a fool of yourself. Stop with the calls and roses. You and Dana will never be "friends" now that your inappropriate feelings are out in the open.

Dear Abby: Please accept my apology for thinking that every time you advise counseling you were "passing the buck." After years of abuse and three nightmare marriages, I am finally finding myself through psychiatric care.

After my husband of 27 years left, I was shattered and terrified. I couldn't stop crying. I made a desperate call to a mental health hotline and was advised to go to the nearest emergency hospital. My physician met me there and I admitted myself to their psychiatric ward. It was the beginning of a new life.

Everyone I encountered, from the person in admitting to the doctors and nurses, the staff and other patients, helped me. I started to heal. The counselors were truly giving and caring. I signed myself out after five days, but continue going in for weekly counseling.

Thank you for always being there, Abby. I know you were there for me.

— **Sunshine in South Carolina**
Dear Sunshine: Thank YOU for sharing your personal success. When you were in crisis, you were wise to recognize it for what it was and get help.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uxpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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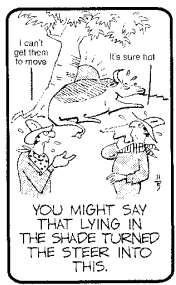
www.jumble.com

Ans: " " " "

Yesterday's Jumbles: FAMED KNELL AFFIRM DENTAL

Answer: When he visited his pal the baker, indeed he found a — FRIEND IN "KNEAD"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Underwear: A personal choice

Dear Annie: Our 14-year-old son, "Kirk," has been going without his underpants since he returned from a school program three weeks ago. I learned this when his 11-year-old sister tattled during a sibling squabble. When pressed, Kirk said all the other guys were doing it and they dared him to do it, too.

I think this is very weird and worry that Kirk may get an infection or injure himself. His dad, however, sees nothing wrong with leaving the underwear off and admitted doing the same at Kirk's age. In fact, my husband has given Kirk permission to continue doing this. After a little father-son chat, my husband also found out that Kirk now sleeps naked. (Another dare from his classmates. I am not too concerned what he wears around his bedroom, but I do worry that he will be embarrassed or hurt by the lack of underwear. Do many teens go without underpants? Does it mean that he's gay or having sex? On top of those

Annie's Mailbox



worries, I am concerned that Kirk is so susceptible to "dares."

What do you say, Annie?

— **Wear Underwear in Colorado**
Dear Colorado: "Going commando" is not unheard of, although it is not exactly hygienic. His slacks would have to be washed daily. It has nothing to do with being gay or sexually active. Yes, Kirk can be injured if he slips up (or down) too quickly, and he's certain to be embarrassed if he should tear his pants in the wrong place (not to mention insect bites if he wears shorts in the summer).

This is not worth a fight. Mention the consequences and let Kirk decide.

Dear Annie: I am a 33-year-old woman, married, with two children. My friend "Barb" asked me to

baby-sit for her 2-year-old son full time (about 45 hours a week). However, I was shocked when she offered me only \$25 a week. I was thinking more along the lines of \$75-\$100.

Barb said she couldn't afford that. Barb and her husband both have full-time, decent-paying jobs. They just spent quite a bit of money to "super size" their truck, but somehow don't have enough to pay me to care for their son.

Am I being selfish to ask for more?

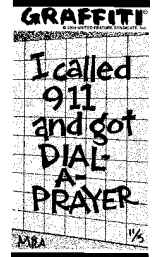
— **Crying Baby Blues**
Dear Crying: Of course you aren't being selfish. She expects you to be a full-time baby sitter for part-time wages. If Barb truly has financial problems and you can afford to help her out for \$25 a week, go ahead and do it, but otherwise, she is taking advantage of you.

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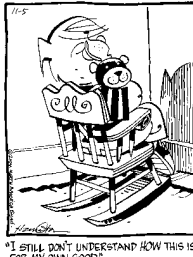
Family Circus



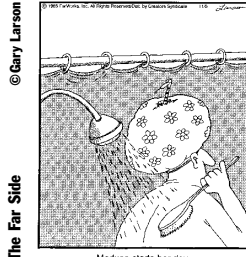
"That means, 'Don't fall out of bed.'"



Dennis the Menace



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The Far Side

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Tide Table

	Today	High Tide	Tomorrow
Mainland Japan	2:21 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	3:33 p.m.
Yokosuka	6:08 a.m.	6:37 p.m.	7:02 p.m.
Korea			
Cheju Island/Sogipo	2:59 a.m.	3:28 p.m.	4:39 a.m.
Kunsan	6:15 a.m.	6:58 p.m.	9:38 a.m.
Okinawa, Naha	1:56 p.m.	none	12:22 a.m.
Guam, Apra Harbor	3:10 p.m.	none	12:12 a.m.

Low Tide

	Today	High Tide	Tomorrow
Mainland Japan	8:33 a.m.	9:05 p.m.	8:12 a.m.
Yokosuka	12:14 a.m.	12:18 p.m.	12:47 a.m.
Saeseo			12:55 p.m.
Korea			
Cheju Island/Sogipo	8:37 a.m.	11:03 p.m.	9:54 a.m.
Kunsan	2:53 a.m.	2:50 p.m.	4:09 a.m.
Okinawa, Naha	6:20 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	7:47 a.m.
Guam, Apra Harbor	7:02 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	8:02 a.m.

* For tides at other sites apply minutes below to Naha tides:
 Sakiku, Ono Wan: -38, Senjoe Bay: +11 high and low tide
 Uten Koi: -7 high, -8 low, Yonabaru, Buckner Bay: -44 high, -42 low.

SEOUL
 Today 6/294
 Sun early; rain late

SATURDAY 55/37
 Mostly sunny

SHANGHAI
 Today 6/295
 A few showers

SATURDAY 66/52
 Clouds and sun

TOKYO
 Today 6/355
 Sunny to partly cloudy

SATURDAY 63/54
 Clouds and some sun

NORTHERN JAPAN
 Today 57/43
 Partly sunny

SATURDAY 62/45
 Cloudy to partly sunny

SOUTHERN JAPAN
 Today 70/56
 Sun and afternoon clouds

SATURDAY 66/54
 Partly sunny

BANGKOK
 Today 94/76
 Stubborn heat wave

SATURDAY 92/76
 Partly sunny, hot

HONG KONG
 Today 80/66
 Warm, partial sun

SATURDAY 75/66
 Clouds and sun

GUAM
 Today 87/76
 Spotty showers; sun

SATURDAY 87/76
 Rather sunny

MANILA
 Today 95/74
 Scattered showers

SATURDAY 95/74
 Clouds, sun, a shower

SINGAPORE
 Today 89/77
 A few downpours

SATURDAY 87/77
 Muggy; shower, calm

KWAJALEIN
 Today 88/80
 Stray downpours; sun

SATURDAY 88/80
 Partly sunny; shower

Weather as of 7 a.m. Thursday

Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine,
high 66, low 55.
Monday: Partly sunny,
high 64, low 55.

KADENA

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 79, low 67.
Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 77, low 67.

SEOUL

Sunday: Mostly sunny,
high 61, low 44.
Monday: Periods of clouds and
sunshine,
high 64, low 46.

MANILA

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 85, low 74.
Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 74.

HAGATNA

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 89, low 78.
Monday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 76.

Wednesday's USA Temperatures

ALTY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW
Albuquerque	58/74	Los Angeles	73/52
Amario	51/34	Little Rock	58/46
Anchorage	38/20	Louisville	56/81
Anniston	62/40	Memphis	86/68
Baltimore	62/40	Milwaukee	62/39
Birmingham	76/57	Nashville	52/34
Bismarck	61/29	New York	61/39
Boston	70/52	Omaha	53/33
Boston	55/36	Orlando	87/68
Brownsville	69/48	Philadelphia	61/40
Buffalo	49/31	Phoenix	76/51
Butler	56/39	Portland, ME	54/36
Charleston, SC	73/63	Portland, OR	54/36
Charlotte	83/60	Portland, ME	53/29
Chattanooga	62/38	San Francisco	54/34
Columbus, OH	54/48	St. Louis	62/42
Duluth	52/32	San Antonio	52/40
El Paso	62/36	San Diego	70/54
El Paso	62/36	San Juan	86/68
Helena	42/20	Tampa	88/72
Indianapolis	55/35	Tulsa	50/34
Jacksonville	67/43	Washington	64/36
Kansas City	50/45	Wichita	46/31

Friday, November 5



U.S. Extended Forecast

Two storm systems will provide a dreary start to the weekend for the northeastern half of the nation Friday. The first storm will spread rain across New England. In the second system's wake, winds will howl and some snowflakes will fall across parts of Michigan and the mid-Atlantic region. Meanwhile, a few showers will develop over southern Florida. Two large areas of high pressure will provide dry weather from the Plains region westward to the Pacific Coast. The only exception will be in southern California, where a low pressure center will trigger showers along the coast. The high pressure will move eastward to provide drying conditions for the Southeast through Sunday.

Friday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY
Bangkok	94/76	Iwakuni
Beijing	53/35	Kadena AB
Camp Casey	64/36	Kunsan AB
Christchurch	67/44	Kwajalein
Diego Garcia	86/77	Manila
Hagatna	87/76	Misawa AB
Hanoi	81/65	Osan
Hong Kong	80/66	Perth
Honolulu	87/71	Pusan

Friday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW
Acapulco	94/76	Budapest	59/43	Kabul	68/33	Nairobi	80/51
Athens	67/54	Buenos Aires	68/48	Kiev	59/47	New Delhi	90/58
Auckland	85/53	Cairo	90/63	Kuwait	55/45	Oslo	41/31
Baghdad	82/50	Cancun	83/68	London	50/39	Paris	48/33
Barbados	85/70	Cape Town	71/49	Madrid	62/30	Rio de Janeiro	82/52
Barcelona	61/50	Geneva	54/42	Mexico City	60/43	Rome	68/33
Berlin	49/32	Istanbul	68/55	Montreal	39/32	St. Petersburg	57/36
Bermuda	82/50	Jakarta	66/53	Nagasaki	66/37	Singapore	76/48
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Red Sox RP Martinez outs for free agency

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Red Sox star Pedro Martinez went free agency Tuesday, a week after his Game 3 victory helped Boston win its first World Series title since 1918.

Martinez just completed a \$90 million, seven-year contract. The Red Sox have exclusive negotiating rights with him until Nov. 11, the day before other teams can discuss money with the three-time Cy Young Award winner.

"If they don't get me, it's probably because they didn't try hard enough," Martinez said after what might have been his final win in a Red Sox uniform. "My heart is with Boston."

Martinez joins more than a dozen members of the World Series champions headed for the free-agent market, including pitcher Derek Lowe, catcher Jason Varitek and shortstop Orlando Cabrera.

"I hope I get another chance to come back with this team, but if I don't, I understand the business part of it," Martinez said.

New York Yankees right-hander Orlando Hernandez, Tampa Bay first baseman Tino Martinez and San Diego left-hander David Wells also were among the 11 players who filed Tuesday, raising the total to 181 among the 215 players potentially eligible. Players may file through Nov. 11.

Baltimore left-hander Buddy Room filed provisionally, pending a decision by the Orioles on whether to exercise a \$3 mil-

lion option or pay a \$250,000 buyout. A day after Seattle declined a \$6 million team option, Mariners left-hander Eddie Guardado exercised a \$4 million player option.

Anaheim said it will not attempt to re-sign Troy Percival and will move step-man Francisco Rodriguez into the closer's role.

Rodriguez probably will not be eligible for salary arbitration until after the 2005 season.

MLB players arrive in Tokyo

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Less than a week after celebrating a World Series title, Manny Ramirez is in Japan for more baseball — and a little sushi.

Ramirez, Boston Red Sox teammate David Ortiz and 26 other major league players arrived in Japan on Wednesday to take on a team of All-Stars from Japan's professional leagues.

"I love Japan and the Japanese people," said Ramirez, who is making his second trip to Japan. "I'm looking forward to eating some sushi and playing against some great players."

Game 1 will be at Tokyo Dome on Friday. San Diego Padres manager Bruce Bochy said Roger Clemens will start for the major leagues.

He'll face Yomiuri Giants ace Koji Uehara, considered one of the top of the best pitchers in Japan. Bochy likes the power and speed in his lineup.

"There are no weaknesses on this team," he said. "You can do things with the hit and run, and you don't have to wait for someone to hit it on."

Ichiro Suzuki and Hideki Matsui are the top of the major league roster, but Japanese pitchers Akinori Otsuka of the Padres and Kazuhisa Ishii of the Los Angeles Dodgers made the trip and will face their former teammates.

"I looked over the roster and they have a very



World Series MVP Manny Ramirez of the Boston Red Sox waves to fans at New Tokyo International Airport in Narita, near Tokyo, on Wednesday.

strong team," said Otsuka, who went 7-2 with two saves for the Padres this season. "But I've been a Red Sox fan for a long time and am thrilled to be playing on the same team as Manny and David."

Ishii, who had 13 wins for the Dodgers, would like a little sleep before taking the field.

"I'm looking forward to going to bed tonight," the former Yakult Swallows pitcher said. "Winning is the most important thing, but I also want to show my teammates the good things about Japan and not the bad things."

Sadahiro Oh, the great home run hitter, will manage the Japanese All-Stars. Seimu Iwano, ex-Daisuke Matsuzaka, who led his team to a Japan Series victory and picked up a win against champion Cuba at the Athens Olympics, will take the mound in the second game.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter's diving grab caught the attention of all of baseball and perhaps even him his first American League Gold Glove.

The New York Yankees shortstop won the honor Tuesday, dropping over from teammate Alex Rodriguez, who had won it two straight years before moving to third base this year.

In the National League, Greg Maddux won his 14th Gold Glove award Wednesday and three members of the NL champion St. Louis Cardinals were honored as the top-fielding players at their positions.

Maddux had won 13 in a row, a record among NL pitchers, before Atlanta's Mike Hampton replaced him in 2003. Back with the Chicago Cubs this year, Maddux is closing in on Jim Kaat's record for pitchers of 16 Gold Gloves.

In his 12th inning of a game against Boston on July 1, Jeter sprinted after Trot Nixon's pop down the left-field line with runners at second and third. He

made the catch in fair territory, went sprawling into the crowd and was stopped by the hard-backed seats. He was taken to a hospital with a bloodied chin, red-and-swollen cheek and bruised shoulder, and New York went on to win in the 13th inning.

"I take pride in my defense, and I work hard each year to improve in the field," Jeter said in a statement issued by the Yankees. "There are a number of fantastic defensive shortstops in the American League — too many to count — and to be recognized with the Gold Glove makes it that much more of a special accomplishment."

Toronto outfielder Vernon Wells also was a first-time winner.

In his first season with Detroit, catcher Ivan Rodriguez won his 11th Gold Glove, his first since 2001 with Texas and the most for any catcher. Johnny Bench won the award 10 times.

Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers, who turns 40 on Nov. 10, won for the third time, the first since 2002.

Oakland third baseman Eric Chavez, Minnesota center fielder Torii Hunter and Seattle right fielder Ichiro Suzuki all won the award for the fourth straight season. Mariners second baseman Bret Boone won his third straight. Gold Glove for the Mariners, his fourth overall, and Anaheim first baseman Darin Erstad won his third award, his first since 2002.

In the NL, center fielder Jim Edmonds won his fifth straight Gold Glove and seventh overall, third baseman Scott Rolen won his fifth in a row and sixth overall, and catcher Mike Matheny got the award for the second straight year and third time overall.

Los Angeles outfielder Steve Finley won his fifth Gold Glove, his first since 2000, and Dodgers shortstop Cesar Izturis was the only first-time winner, taking over from the Cardinals' Edgar Renteria.

Atlanta outfielder Andruw Jones won for the seventh straight season. Colorado first baseman Todd Helton won his third award and Florida's Luis Castillo repeated at second base.

Report: Astros' Garner shakes off 'interim' tag

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros scheduled an early evening news conference Wednesday amid reports the team would remove the interim tag and officially name Phil Garner their manager.

Houston television station KRIV said the Astros, who hired Garner at midseason to replace Jimmy Williams, want Major League Baseball to exempt the team from requirements that clubs must go through an interview process that includes minority candidates when managerial jobs come open.

Garner took over July 14, 2004, at the All-Star break as the Astros were stumbling after entering the season with high expectations, particularly after the free agent signings of former New York Yankees pitchers Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens.

Garner, 55, who previously managed at Milwaukee and Detroit and lives in Houston, had been out of baseball for two years when he came to the Astros.

After a slow start, Houston reeled off 36 wins in the final 46 games to clinch the NL wild card, best Atlanta to win a playoff series for the first time in club history and came a few outs from knocking off St. Louis in the NLCS.

Garner's permanent hiring would be the first official act by new Astros general manager Tim Lincecum, who was elevated to the GM's job Monday with the resignation of Gerry Hunsicker.

Report: Yankees coach Stottlemyre won't return

NEW YORK — Mel Stottlemyre won't return as pitching coach of the Yankees. The New York Times reported Wednesday. Stottlemyre has been the pitching coach since manager Joe Torre was hired before the 1996 season and was one of his key aides along with bench coach Don Zimmer, who left after the 2003 season following a dispute with owner George Steinbrenner.

Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman wouldn't discuss the team's coaching staff Wednesday. The Times cited an unidentified person who spoke to one of Stottlemyre's colleagues.

Leyland withdraws from consideration for Mets job

NEW YORK — Jim Leyland finally spoke to the New York Mets about becoming their manager and decided he wasn't interested,

The Associated Press

leaving Yankees coach Willie Randolph, Texas coach Rudy Jaramillo and former Houston and Anaheim manager Terry Collins as the three finalists.

Leyland, a former Pittsburgh, Florida and Colorado manager, had a telephone conversation Tuesday with New Mets general manager Omar Minaya.

"We decided at this particular time it's not a good fit for either of us," Leyland said during a telephone interview. "We agreed on it."

Leyland, who interviewed with the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday, didn't want to go into details, and neither did Minaya.

Bonds extends record run with 12th Silver Slugger

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds extended his own record Tuesday by winning his 12th Silver Slugger award, giving him the top offensive player title at his positions in each league.

For the first time since the awards began in 1980, there was a tie at one position, with Detroit's Ivan Rodriguez and Cleveland's Victor Martinez sharing the honor as the top-hitting AL catcher. It was the seventh award for Rodriguez, the first for Martinez.

In the AL outfield, Boston's Manny Ramirez won his seventh Silver Slugger, Anaheim's Vladimir Guerrero his fourth and the New York Yankees' Gary Sheffield his third.

Giants exercise options on Grissom, Tomko, Snow

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Giants exercised the start of most of the season, to a one-year contract and declined their 2005 option on left-handed reliever Jason Christiansen.

Giants General Manager Brian Sabean said the day after the season ended that he planned to establish some continuity on the roster, and specifically pointed to Snow's solid season and Tomko's improvements in the second half of the year.

Missouri basketball put on probation

Three-year penalty does not include postseason ban

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Missouri's basketball team was placed on three years' probation Wednesday for NCAA recruiting violations but avoided a ban on postseason play.

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The infractions committee took away one scholarship next year and two in 2006-07 and limited all basketball coaches to recruiting on campus until November 2005.

"We felt the off-campus ban would be a significant statement on the violations and removes the criticism of punishing current student-athletes," committee chairman Thomas Yeager said in a conference call.

The penalty prevents coaches from visiting high schools, making home visits, attending summer camps and even giving speeches at high school awards banquets. Yeager said the ban had not been imposed since 1990 when Illinois' basketball team was punished.

Missouri chancellor Brady Deaton said the school would not appeal.

Coach Quin Snyder said he hoped the Tigers would still be competitive in recruiting because of the school's new \$75 million arena.

"I still think we're going to be able to be successful in recruiting," he said. "We just need to get people to come to Columbia and see it."



Purdue's Kyle Orton suffered a hip injury during last week's loss to Northwestern. The Bollweavers made last three in a row.

The committee found the Tigers violated NCAA recruiting rules from 1999-2003 and rejected the school's explanation that most of the violations were inadvertent.

"The men's basketball staff had the benefit of extensive rules education and compliance procedures," the committee said. "Nevertheless, the men's basketball staff took risks and pushed the limits with respect to recruiting legislation, particularly while recruiting top prospects."

The case came to light when former point guard Ricky Clemmons accused assistant coach Tony Harvey of paying him \$250. Harvey later resigned.

The committee did not mention Clemmons or Harvey in its report but acknowledged that an assistant coach violated NCAA rules by buying meals, providing transportation and illegally contacting recruits and their families.

Purdue QB Orton questionable

INDIANAPOLIS — Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton is questionable for Saturday's game at Iowa with an injured left hip.

Orton was injured during last week's 15-10 loss at Northwestern. Brandon Kirk replaced an ineffective and injured Orton in the third quarter.

Purdue coach Joe Tiller said Tuesday he is in no hurry to announce a starter for Saturday's game.

"We could hold it as long as game time," Tiller said. "We will delay the decision as long as possible."

After helping Purdue (5-3) win its first five games for the first time since 1945, the one-time Heisman hopeful's play has fallen. Orton was just 15 for 33 for 143 yards, one touchdown and one interception last week against Northwestern, Purdue's third straight loss.

In the first five games, Orton completed nearly 70 percent of his passes for 1,642 yards, 18 TDs and two interceptions.

Over the past three games — all Purdue defeats — he has completed just 50 percent of his passes for 591 yards, three touchdowns and three interceptions.

Florida State WR Thorpe suspended

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State suspended Craphonso Thorpe for Saturday's game against Duke because the wide receiver has missed too many classes, Seminoles coach Bobby Bowden said Tuesday.

Thorpe has a team-high 31 catches for 361 yards and one touchdown for the 13th-ranked Seminoles (6-2, 4-2 ACC).

Bowden also said starting kicker Xavier Beitia will be replaced by freshman Gary Cismesia. Beitia missed three field goals against Maryland.

Four Washington basketball players suspended for opener

SEATTLE — Four Washington players will miss the season opener against Seattle Pacific after being suspended for playing in unsanctioned summer games — a second-order NCAA rules violation.

Guards Will Conroy and Tre Simmons and forwards Bobby Jones and Jamaal Williams won't play on Nov. 19. Simmons, who played in two unsanctioned games, also will sit out Washington's Nov. 25 game against Utah in the Great Alaska Shootout.

Roddick prevails in Paris Masters

PARIS — Andy Roddick surged into the third round of the Paris Masters with a 6-2, 6-2 rout of Armenia's Sargis Sargsian on Wednesday in his first match since late September.

The top-seeded Roddick won in 51 minutes and raised his record this year to a tour-leading 71-14. Top-ranked Roger Federer is not playing in this indoor event.

Sixth-seeded Marat Safin — yelling at himself and the umpire and slamming his racket — defeated Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic 6-7 (1), 6-3, 7-5.

The seeded players — No. 7 Gaston Gaudio, No. 10 Tim Lister-Jones, No. 12 Jiri Hrbaty, No. 15 Fernando Gonzalez and No. 16 Jiri Novak — lost in the second round. But No. 13 Guillermo Garmendia, No. 14 Nicolas Pietrangeli and No. 17 Vince Spadea joined Safin in the third round.

NHL All-Star Game canceled as lockout drags on

By IRA PODELL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In another sign the NHL season is slipping away, the league canceled its All-Star Game on Wednesday because of the lockout.

No game had been played since the season was scheduled to begin on Oct. 13, and NHL arenas have been given the go-ahead to release dates on a 45-day rolling basis. With the All-Star Game off the schedule, the next announcement would be the cancellation of the entire season.

"To call off something that's a lot of fun for the fans to enjoy is a shame," nine-time All-Star Jere-

my Roenick of the Philadelphia Flyers told The Associated Press. "It has no bearing on anything. Why haven't they canceled games in January but they're canceling the All-Star Game?"

The lockout, which was in its 49th day on Wednesday, was imposed by Commissioner Gary Bettman after the collective bargaining agreement expired on Sept. 15.

Bettman declined comment on the cancellation of the game, which was scheduled to be held in Atlanta in February.

The NHL and the players association haven't met since Sept. 9 and have no plans to return to the bargaining table.

The lockout of the 1994-95 season ended when an agreement was reached in January 1995. Each team then played 48 games.

A new deal would have to be reached by the same time this season for any part of the campaign to be salvaged.

"The season is likely to slip away," Bettman said in an interview this week with TSN in Canada. "Whether or not we miss half a season or three-quarters of a season, or don't have a season at all — that is not the issue from our standpoint. We need a deal that is the right deal to address the problems and let us go forward. When we make that deal, when it is all signed up, we initial it, dot the i's,

then the t's, we both ratify it. Then if there is time for the semblance of a season, we'll have one.

"If not, we'll see you next season or whenever."

Over 70 players got together in Toronto on Tuesday to get an update from union leadership. The meeting came after a handful of the more than 700 members said they would be willing to play under a salary-cap system or would return to the ice next season if the NHL decided to use replacement players if a deal wasn't reached.

The NHLPA made the last proposal in September, a plan centered around a luxury tax instead of a salary cap. The NHL rejected

it because the league says it won't achieve "cost certainty."

The players association says that term is tantamount to a salary cap, which it refuses to accept.

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Law's foot injury leaves Pats thin at cornerback vs. Rams

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — Ty Law's foot injury could not have come at a worse time for the New England Patriots.

Coach Bill Belichick confirmed Wednesday that Law will not play Sunday against the St. Louis Rams, and

NFL briefs
representative for the Pro Bowl cornerback said he'll miss four to six weeks with a broken bone in his left foot.

That leaves New England without either of its starting cornerbacks against one of the league's top passing attacks.

Cornerback Tyrone Poole said Wednesday that, while his injured knee is healing faster than expected, he will also be out against St. Louis.

Law was hurt in the first quarter of Sunday's 34-20 loss at Pittsburgh, and he did not return to the game that ended the Patriots' 21-game winning streak.

"Ty will be out of the game," Belichick said. "He definitely won't play."

Kevin Poston, the brother and business partner of Law's agent, Carl Poston, told The Associated Press that a team doctor had diagnosed the injury, but Law will seek a second opinion for the broken bone across the top of his foot.

The injuries to Law and Poole, who has already missed three of the past four games, leave the Patriots scrambling to fill holes in the secondary.

Asante Samuel is expected to start at one cornerback position, but Belichick hasn't decided what to do about the other side. He could move Eugene Wilson from

safety and rotate rookies Dexter Reid and Randall Gay into the vacant safety slot, or play Gay at the other corner and keep the starting safety combination of Wilson and Rodney Harrison intact.

Gay filled in for Law against Pittsburgh, but he was beaten on a 47-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress on his first series.

Reid, a fourth-round pick out of North Carolina, has been used mostly on special teams.

"It's not about one player. It's about a group of players," said Belichick. "There are a number of options, and we'll try and use the one we think is best."

St. Louis ranks fifth in the NFL in passing yards at 264.1 per game. The Rams feature two of the league's top receivers in Torry Holt and Isaac Bruce.

Dolphins' Seau out for season with torn pectoral muscle

DAVIE, Fla. — Junior Seau avoided a major injury for 15 NFL seasons — until now.

A torn pectoral muscle has ended Seau's season, and perhaps his career. The Miami Dolphins linebacker will undergo an operation Thursday in his hometown of San Diego, and he'll decide later whether to return in 2005.

"Of course, I will play again," Seau said with a grin Wednesday. "I'll say that now. But that could change tomorrow.... Assessing my situation after surgery is definitely going to be something that I need to do."

Seau, 35, has missed only nine games during his career. In an emotional farewell speech to his teammates, the frequent Pro Bowl selection said he regretted leaving during his career. He had the NFL's worst record.

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis. (See Saturday's report for complete injury report provided by the league.)

Bills: CB Troy Vincent (knee) questionable; WR Josh Reed (knee) questionable.

Chiefs: RB Derrick Byack (thigh bruise) doubtful.

Eagles: RB Brian Westbrook (cracked rib) questionable.

Giants: LB Barrett Green (knee) day-to-day; C Shaun O'Hara (leg infection) doubtful.

Jets: LB Sam Cowart (knee) probable.

Seahawks: LB Anthony Simmons (shoulder) probable; CB Chris Terry (shoulder) probable; WR Jerry Rice (ankle) questionable; WR Bobby Engram (ankle) questionable; WR Darrell Jackson (ankle) questionable; OG Steve Hutchinson (ankle) questionable; WR RB Maurice Morris (concussion) questionable.

"That's the toughest thing," he said. "I wanted to fight through it with the men in that locker room. ... I shared with them how hard it is going to be, and how to persevere during these times. The only way through this is by loving the game."

Despite the team's struggles, Seau said he had fun playing this season. He was hurt tracking Saints' Martin during Monday night's 41-14 loss to the New York Jets.

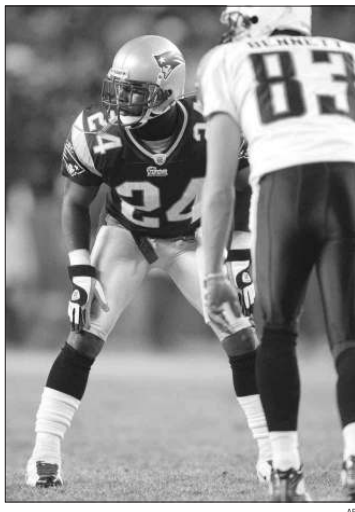
Owens wonders why he's labeled 'the bad guy'

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens has never had any problems on the field. His attitude on the field cause him enough trouble.

Owens' brash-talking, show-bottle game have made him a popular guy in the NFL. But the perennial Pro Bowl wide receiver, an MVP contender in his first season with the Philadelphia Eagles, can't understand why he's become such a villain.

He said Wednesday he received several "hate" e-mails through his Web site from players asking how he can embarrass Ray Lewis by imitating Lewis' dance after Owens scored a touchdown Sunday's 15-10 victory over Baltimore.

"It's discouraging at times that I get labeled and put in that same mold and that I'm the worst guy that ever put on a uniform," Owens said. "It's funny. I listen to



New England cornerback Ty Law (24) has a broken bone in his foot and will be sidelined four to six weeks. Both starting cornerbacks for the Patriots will miss Sunday's game at St. Louis.

all the comments and it baffles me.

"You have a guy like Ray Lewis, who I thought he was pretty much my friend. This is a guy, double murder case, and he could have been in jail, but it seems like the league embraces a guy like that. But I'm going out scoring touchdowns and having fun, but I'm the bad guy."

Owens has feuded with Lewis, Baltimore's All-Pro linebacker, since he spurned the Ravens and forced a trade to the Eagles in March. After Owens mocked Lewis by imitating his dance, Lewis, several Ravens and other players around the league heavily criticized the innovative Owens for his latest self-expression.

"All I can really narrate it down to is that they don't like me," Owens said. "Like (Pittsburgh

linebacker) Joey Porter said, Lewis comes back and the league embraces him. He makes tackles and he gets up and does his thing. He probably gets credited for tackles and he don't even make them."

"For whatever reason, they just don't like me. I think just the fact that I have a lot of confidence for what I can do on the field, and I still go out there and I do it, I still have fun with it, so I don't know why they have a problem with me."

Lewis was arrested following a double murder outside an after-hours nightclub in Atlanta in January 2000. The murder charges later were dropped in exchange for a guilty plea to a charge of obstruction of justice — a misdemeanor.

Rested Lewis ready to run for Ravens

By DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Jamal Lewis had a helpless feeling last Sunday as he sat in front of his television and watched the Baltimore Ravens lose to the Philadelphia Eagles.

"It was real hard. I really wanted to play against those guys," Lewis said Wednesday. "I got a chance to watch from the outside looking in and it was pretty tough because you want to get in there."

While Lewis was stuck at home completing a two-game suspension for violating the league's substance abuse rules, the Ravens fell to the unbeaten Eagles 15-10. The All-Pro running back has rejoined the team and will play Sunday night against Cleveland, a

team he shredded for 500 yards rushing last year en route to becoming only the fifth player in NFL history to run for 2,000 yards in a season.

Lewis doesn't care who is on the opposite side of the line. He's just ready to do some punishment with the football cradled under his arm.

"Oh, he's coming. He watched the film this morning and he couldn't stop shaking his leg," right tackle Orlando Brown said. "I know he's ready. He's got to play catch up now. He's ready, and he's focused."

He's refreshed, too. After taking a pounding for five straight weeks, Lewis got an unexpected two-week break in the middle of the season. He worked with his personal trainer to stay in shape

during his suspension and rid himself of the aches and pains that came with getting tackled up to 30 times a game.

"I had to serve my suspension, but it was for the better, too, so I could get some rest," Lewis said. "I'm pretty fresh, and my legs are good."

Lewis, 25, pleaded guilty in Atlanta on Oct. 7 to using a phone to set up a drug buy. He must serve prison time after the season, but won't miss any more football, and for that he is thankful.

"That's the big thing, it's done with and I can put it behind me now," Lewis said. "I can move on with my job and do what I do best, which is come out here and play football and be with my team."

The Ravens (4-3) went 1-1 without him, beating Buffalo 20-6 before stumbling in Philadelphia.

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Vikings suddenly can run with backfield at full speed

RBs Bennett, Smith give team options

By SEAN JENSEN

St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press

ON EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn., in the eve of their game against the Houston Texans last month, the Minnesota Vikings watched highlights from their victory over the Chicago Bears two weeks earlier matched to music. It was like the *Ontario Smith highlight show*, "coach Mike" recalled. "The team went nuts. It fired the team up. It was unbelievable what we had done."

Smith gained 198 combined yards, including a 36-yard catch and a 38-yard run, and he paced the Vikings to a 27-22 victory over the Bears.

But Smith wasn't in the meeting room that night in Houston, and he didn't attend the next three games, either.

While serving his four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy, Smith opted not to join his teammates on game day because he couldn't bear standing on the sideline.

"I knew if I was to step foot in the stadium," he said, "I would want to be on the field and I wouldn't be able to watch the whole game."

In fact, Smith couldn't even finish watching the games on live television at his home. He accepted full blame for his suspension, and admitted he thought for a "split second" of the impact he could make Sunday in a 34-13 loss to the New York Giants.

"I served my time, and now I'm back," Smith said. "Now, I can contribute and make some decisions. For the first time this season, the Vikings' deepest position has all of its players available, and all have arguments to lobby for the ball, especially with receiver Randy Moss likely limited and possibly sidelined Monday night against the Indianapolis Colts."

Although rookie Mewelde Moore had a poor game against the Giants, he still leads the team with nearly 400 yards rushing, averaging an impressive 5.9 yards a carry, and has caught 27 passes for 238 yards.

He has shown knacks for breaking the first tackle and making difficult catches. Michael Bennett broke the shut-down run and he has his Pro Bowl credentials from a brilliant 2002 season.

He has world-class, sprinter speed that complements the versatile capability of Moss.

Rookie Mewelde Moore (30) will start on Monday if he's healthy, but the Vikings figure to work in Ontario Smith and Michael Bennett.

"Any one of those three dudes can carry the load. The more the merrier."

Chris Liwinski
Vikings guard

Veteran Moe Williams, who led the team with 745 yards rushing last season, does everything soundly, and is adept in short-yardage situations.

Then there's Smith, who dominated two of the final three games of last season and opened this season impressively with 421 combined yards over the first three games. He has the power to run inside, the speed to run outside and the shiftness to turn broken plays into golden ones.

"I've been running on and off or anything," Moore said of his left ankle sprain. "But as of now, I feel pretty good."

Who starts beyond Monday is purely speculative.

"Any one of those three dudes can carry the load," guard Chris Liwinski said. "The more the merrier."

Thin at the position for several weeks, the Vikings are encouraged that Bennett made progress against the Giants and elated that Smith rejoins the mix. Although Smith is not overly talkative, he

Vikings rushing statistics

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Moore	64	376	5.9	33	0
Smith	17	198	11.6	38	1
Culpepper	40	158	4.0	14	1
Moss	16	126	7.9	21	0
M. Bennett	6	20	3.3	10	1

has an air about him, an unflappable belief in himself.

Smith said Moore played "like a Pro Bowler," adding that he hoped the rookie's injury didn't "set him back." Meanwhile, veteran Williams will continue to fulfill his part on short-yardage and some third-down situations.

"He's been doing his thing over the last few weeks, and we don't have (any) other choice but to give him an opportunity," Smith said of Moore.

Smith said the coaches likely will "roll with the hot hand," and he figured his hands would be the ones wrapped around the ball the most.

"I'm not going to talk about it," he said. "I'm going to let my skills speak."

"That's one thing I pride myself on doing. If I get the ball, no matter how many times, I'm going to do something that's exciting."

Given the lack of an impact made by their run offense Sunday, the Vikings are certain to emphasize that position Monday against the high-scoring Colts.

"Everybody has to really step their game up," Bennett said. "This is a big Monday night game for us. We're getting everybody back, and we want to catch this groove and ride it until the wheels fall off."

NFL statistics

AFC individual leaders

Week 1

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Manning, Ind.	240	150	2113	22	5
Brees, S.D.	206	138	1597	14	3
Roethlisberger, Pitt.	137	76	1033	9	2
Carr, Hou.	209	130	1317	9	5
Pennington, N.Y.	202	117	1181	6	2
Green, C.K.	221	145	1783	9	4
Brady, N.E.	219	134	1673	10	3
Lefkovich, Jack.	273	177	1891	9	7
Plummer, Den.	279	150	2048	15	10
Soroka, Min.	192	111	1380	9	7

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Holmes, C.K.	180	813	4.6	33	13
Brown, Tenn.	166	810	4.9	52	5
Martin, N.Y.	171	798	4.7	25	7
Porter, Min.	151	707	4.7	36	1
James, Ind.	151	668	4.4	30	5
Compton, S.D.	162	658	4.1	28	3
Dillon, N.E.	129	637	4.9	44	1
Johnson, Den.	149	599	4.0	36	4
Doughens, Den.	117	558	4.8	32	1
Taylor, Jack.	120	510	4.2	29	1

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Mason, Tenn.	49	589	12.0	58	7
Gates, S.D.	49	546	11.1	29	5
J. Smith, Jack.	42	703	16.7	65	3
Smith, Den.	42	668	15.9	54	4
McMichael, Min.	42	535	12.7	42	2
Johnson, Hou.	41	658	16.0	38	3
Moulds, Buf.	40	531	13.3	49	4
Harrison, Ind.	39	518	13.3	52	7
C. Johnson, Cin.	36	550	15.3	53	2

Punters

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Lechler, Oak.	34	1629	48.5	47.5	0
J. Smith, Ind.	22	1072	49.2	46.5	0
J. Miller, N.E.	23	1041	45.3	43	0
Henrich, Tenn.	22	1400	63.6	51.8	0
Gardecki, Pitt.	37	1614	58.4	43.6	0
Moorman, Buf.	36	1556	49	42.6	0
Harrison, Jack.	31	1317	46.0	43.1	0
Maynard, Den.	26	1505	59.4	42	0
Cheek, Jack.	31	1505	49.5	43.1	0
Harmon, Ind.	28	1214	52	47	0
Schiff, S.D.	38	1910	50.3	53	2

Punt Returns

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Sams, Bal.	25	331	13.2	78	2
Lewis, Jack.	16	181	11.3	50	0
Moses, Hou.	20	220	11.0	24	0
Norblouth, C.K.	17	178	10.5	40	0
Parker, S.D.	17	103	6.1	32	0
Clements, Buf.	16	152	9.5	40	0
Walker, S.D.-Mia.	15	114	7.6	21	0
Buchanan, Oak.	13	96	7.4	18	0
Moss, N.Y.	12	83	6.9	14	0
Faulk, N.E.	9	46	5.1	9	0

Kickoff Returns

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
McGire, Buf.	28	754	26.9	87	1
Dwight, S.D.	58	1268	21.8	68	0
Ellis, Pitt.	17	429	25.2	41	0
B. Johnson, N.E.	23	548	23.8	41	0
Waller, Min.	14	313	22.4	40	0
Holmstedt, Oak.	9	210	23.3	32	0
Johnson, Min.	17	410	24.1	32	0
Russell, Cin.	11	247	22.5	35	0
Kilgus, Pitt.	14	312	22.4	48	0

Scoring

	TD	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Touchdowns	10	10	0	0	0
Field Goals	8	8	0	0	0

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Holmes, C.K.	8	8	0	0	0
Bettis, Pitt.	8	8	0	0	0
Martin, N.Y.	7	7	0	0	0
Harrison, Ind.	7	7	0	0	0
Compton, S.D.	7	7	0	0	0
Gates, S.D.	5	5	0	0	0
James, Ind.	5	5	0	0	0
Graham, N.E.	5	5	0	0	0
Wayne, Ind.	5	5	0	0	0

Kicking

	PA	FG	LG	PA	FG	LG
Elam, Den.	18-18	14-16	50	18-18	14-16	50
Gratney, Min.	27-27	15-15	49	27-27	15-15	49
Dawson, Cin.	15-15	14-14	49	15-15	14-14	49
K. Neider, S.D.	27-27	10-10	50	27-27	10-10	50
Johnson, Tenn.	15-15	14-14	50	15-15	14-14	50
Graham, Cin.	12-12	14-16	53	12-12	14-16	53
Andrews, Oak.	18-18	11-11	51	18-18	11-11	51
Anderson, Tenn.	18-18	11-11	45	18-18	11-11	45
Byrd, Cin.	20-20	6-11	51	20-20	6-11	51
Reed, Jack.	25-25	11-11	50	25-25	11-11	50

Team statistics

AVERAGE PER GAME

OFFENSE

	Yds	Yds	Pass	Pass
Indianapolis	414.0	111.1	332.9	29.9
Kansas City	406.6	107.6	298.9	26.6
Houston	367.8	91.9	275.9	23.9
New York Jets	364.3	102.7	261.6	21.6
San Diego	363.9	104.1	259.8	24.9
New England	359.4	107.4	252.0	25.0
Pittsburgh	329.9	94.7	235.2	21.7
Philadelphia	321.3	91.4	230.0	20.0
Jacksonville	312.3	91.4	220.9	19.9
San Francisco	309.4	91.4	218.0	18.0
Cleveland	309.3	102.4	186.9	16.9
San Francisco	299.4	91.4	208.0	18.0
Buffalo	276.9	104.3	172.6	17.6
Baltimore	259.7	107.6	152.1	15.1
Atlanta	259.7	107.6	152.1	15.1

DEFENSE

	Yds	Yds	Pass	Pass
Buffalo	266.1	97.0	169.1	16.9
Browns	261.8	95.5	166.3	16.3
Pittsburgh	252.9	89.3	163.6	16.6
San Francisco	249.9	100.1	149.8	14.9
Miami	239.9	148.6	150.3	15.3
New York Jets	239.9	148.6	150.3	15.3
San Diego	236.0	81.6	154.4	15.4
Philadelphia	233.0	102.4	130.6	13.6
New England	233.0	102.4	130.6	13.6
Kansas City	231.3	112.6	118.7	11.8
Cleveland	229.4	102.4	127.0	12.7
Atlanta	229.4	102.4	127.0	12.7
Oakland	229.4	102.4	127.0	12.7
Green Bay	229.4	102.4	127.0	12.7
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Johnson, Hou.	40	558	13.9	56	2
Witten, N.Y.	39	518	13.3	52	7
Coles, Was.	38	452	11.9	45	4
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Lakers' mimics Shaq

Center scores 23 in season-opening win over Nuggets

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — For one game, the Los Angeles Lakers didn't miss Shaquille O'Neal a bit.

Chris Mihm put up close to Shaq-like numbers Tuesday night, getting a career-high 23 points, 12 rebounds and two blocked shots in the Lakers' season-opening 89-78 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

"I thought our defense was just excellent," Rudy Tomjanovich said after his first game as the Lakers' coach. "That's what we need to be a running team."

The Nuggets, one of the NBA's most improved teams last season, shot a miserable 25 percent (11-for-44) in the first half and finished at 34.1 percent (30-for-88). Tomjanovich succeeded Phil Jackson, who coached the Lakers to three championships and another berth in the NBA Finals in five years.

Why O'Neal gone, the rebuilt Lakers are Kobe Bryant's team.

They weren't seriously challenged by the Nuggets although



Roundup

Bryant wasn't the whole show.

Bryant had 25 points, seven assists and three blocked shots. He shot just 5-for-14 but made 14 of 15 free throws and scored 17 of his points in the second half.

"Kobe is a heck of a player, and great players bring out the best in their teammates," Nuggets coach Jeff Bzdelick said.

Mihm, whose previous career high was 21 points, was 8-for-16 from the floor and 7-for-10 from the foul line.

"This is a good situation — a good fit for me on this team," he said. "It's a happy man for the season. I'm a giddy man, I can sleep well tonight. I played well and more important, the team won."

Caron Butler added 11 points. Brian Cook scored 10 and Lamar Odom had 13 rebounds for the Lakers. Butler and Odom were acquired from Miami along with

Brian Grant for O'Neal during the offseason.

The Lakers led by 20 points in the fourth quarter before the Nuggets rallied within seven in the final minute. But that's as close as they would get.

Voshon Lenard scored 13 points for the Nuggets before tearing his left Achilles' tendon while fouling O'Neal in the fourth quarter. He will undergo surgery and probably be sidelined for the season, a team spokeswoman said.

"It's going to be out for a while, there's no question about that," Bzdelick said.

Carmelo Anthony led Denver with 20 points. Kenyon Martin, playing his first game for the Nuggets, had 13 points and seven rebounds, and Camby had 16 rebounds and six blocked shots to go with eight points.

Mavericks 107, Kings 98: At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored 29 of his 33 points in the first three quarters, helping Dallas take a big lead, then made two free throws with 15.5 seconds left to



Los Angeles Lakers' Chris Mihm, left, who replaced Shaquille O'Neal as the Lakers' starting center after O'Neal was traded to the Miami Heat in the offseason, had 23 points and 12 rebounds in an 89-78 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Tuesday night.

seal the victory. He also had 10 rebounds and five assists.

Michael Finley added 18 points for Dallas. Brad Miller led Sacramento with 24 points, and Chris Webber had 21 points and 10 rebounds.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
Boston	0	0	GB
New York	0	0	
New Jersey	0	0	
Toronto	0	0	
Southeast Division			
Atlanta	0	0	
Charlotte	0	0	
Orlando	0	0	
Washington	0	0	
Central Division			
Detroit	1	1,000	1/2
Indiana	0	0	
Cleveland	0	0	1/2
Chicago	0	0	1/2
Milwaukee	0	0	1/2

Western Conference

Southwest Division			
Dallas	0	1,000	GB
Memphis	0	0	
New Orleans	0	0	
San Antonio	0	0	
Northwest Division			
Minnesota	0	0	1/2
Portland	0	0	
Utah	0	0	
Pacific Division			
L.A. Lakers	0	1,000	1/2
Golden State	0	0	1/2
Phoenix	0	0	1/2
Sacramento	0	0	1/2

Tuesday's games
 Detroit 87, Houston 79
 Dallas 107, Sacramento 98
 Sacramento 98, Denver 78

Wednesday's games
 Indiana 96, Orlando 78
 Houston at Toronto
 Milwaukee at Cleveland
 Philadelphia at Boston
 Miami at New Jersey
 Orlando at New Orleans
 Sacramento at San Antonio
 Atlanta at Phoenix

Thursday's games
 L.A. Lakers at Utah
 Seattle at L.A. Clippers
 Portland at Golden State
 Washington at Charlotte
 Miami at Miami
 Minnesota at Detroit

Friday's games
 Detroit at Toronto
 Philadelphia at Philadelphia
 Indiana at Boston
 Houston at Memphis
 Orlando at New Orleans
 Atlanta at San Antonio
 Atlanta at Phoenix

Saturday's games
 Miami at Utah
 Orlando at Charlotte
 Boston at New York
 Philadelphia at Detroit
 Detroit at New York
 Chicago at Indiana
 New York at Milwaukee
 Cleveland at Milwaukee

Torn Achilles' tendon ends Lenard's season

The Associated Press

DENVER — Denver guard Voshon Lenard will have surgery Monday after tearing his Achilles' tendon in the Nuggets' season-opening loss to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Lenard injured his left leg late in the third quarter Tuesday night when he slipped while running back on defense. A timeline for his return will be set after surgery, though he's expected to miss the rest of the season.

The Nuggets will likely have a tough time replacing Lenard. He was the team's only legitimate outside threat, a streaky shooter who could score in bunches.

Pistons' coach Brown out 7-10 days after hip surgery

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Detroit Pistons coach Larry Brown had surgery on his left hip Wednesday and is expected to be away from the team for seven to 10 days.

The surgery at Michigan Orthopedic Specialty Hospital in Troy was to treat a previous hip replacement.

McDyess fined \$5,000 for kicking basketball

NEW YORK — Detroit forward Antonio McDyess was fined \$5,000 by the NBA on Wednesday, a day after being ejected for kicking a basketball into the stands during the Pistons' season-opening 87-79 victory over the Houston Rockets.

McDyess was called for a foul while going for a rebound with 5:51 left in the second quarter. As he walked downcourt, McDyess dropped the basketball, kicked it and was ejected. He had three points, one rebound and one steal in nine minutes against Houston.

Briefs

The Pistons signed McDyess to a \$23 million, four-year deal to replace Mehmet Okur, who signed a \$50 million, six-year contract during the offseason with the Utah Jazz.

Spewell cited after argument with police officer

MINNEAPOLIS — Latrell Sprewell of the Minnesota Timberwolves received a misdemeanor citation Tuesday after being involved in a verbal confrontation with a police officer.

Spewell, who was criticized by NBA Commissioner David Stern for comments he made regarding a contract extension, was riding in a vehicle that was stopped in downtown Minneapolis about 6 p.m. Tuesday, police spokesman Ron Reier said.

Spewell spoke up while the driver was being questioned about licensing and insurance.

Unsigned Curry plans to remain union president

NEW YORK — Free agent Michael Curry is optimistic he'll be playing in the NBA this season and has no plans to step down as president of the players' union.

The 36-year-old forward, who appeared in 70 games for the Toronto Raptors last season, has been taking part in negotiations between the union and the league on a new collective bargaining agreement.

"It's not an issue," Curry said. "I'm not wanting for the right situation with the right team, and I'll let it take its course."

Pistons: Team play trumps McGrady-Yao combo

PISTONS, FROM BACK PAGE

The Rockets shot just 39 percent. Charlie Ward had 13 points, Maurice Taylor had 12 and Jim Jackson added 10.

Rasheed Wallace, Billups and Prince made three-pointers early in the fourth quarter to cap a 13-2 run, putting the Pistons ahead 68-66.

After Detroit's stingy defense forced a shot-clock violation midway through the fourth, Ben Wallace's tip-jam gave the Pistons a 70-66 lead.

The Rockets didn't get closer than five after that.

Detroit had one last chance to end its accomplishment from last season. Before the game, the Pistons were presented with championship rings by NBA Commissioner David Stern.

When the nine returning Pistons walked to center court for their rings during a 15-minute ceremony, they wore huge, gold-plated black belts provided by Rasheed Wallace that read: World Heavyweight Wrestling Champion.

Just before Detroit's third world championship banner was raised to the rafters, Billups reached his right hand out and grabbed it.

"You wait so long for this day to happen and when it happens, you want to cherish it," said Hamilton, who put his ring on during the ceremony. "You forget that you've got a game to play."

The Rockets accused McGrady during the offseason hoping he and Yao could form an inside-outside combination that could replace O'Neal and Bryant as the dominant duo in the NBA.

"It's going to take time, but those two guys are going to be really special together," Pistons coach Larry Brown said.

Antonio McDyess was ejected from his Pistons debut for kicking the ball while complaining about a foul. He had three points, one rebound and one steal in nine minutes against Houston.

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Lakers 89, Nuggets 78

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SPORTS



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Winners ... and still champions

Pistons raise banner, shut down Rockets in opener

BY LARRY LAGE
The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Yao and T-Mac experienced what Shaq and Kobe did.

The defending NBA champion Detroit Pistons are a tough match for any dynamic duo.

Rasheed Wallace, one of five Pistons to score in double figures, had 24 points to help Detroit defeat the Houston Rockets 87-79 Tuesday night in the first game of the NBA season.

"A lot of people are still doubting us, so I guess we just have to go win it all again," Wallace said.

Tracy McGrady and Yao Ming, playing their first regular-season game together, found out what Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal did during their final five games together with the Los Angeles Lakers: The Pistons, relentless on defense and well-balanced on offense, are difficult to beat.

"When you have one or two guys, we've got five coming at you," Richard Hamilton said. "That's tough."

McGrady missed 12 of 18 shots and finished with 18 points after scoring just three during the first half. Yao had just seven points on 2-for-9 shooting.

"They play 'D'. That's why they won a championship," McGrady said. "They did a great job of picking up the intensity in the second half, and they hit shots in the fourth."

Detroit's entire starting lineup from last season is back, and all five players scored at least 10. Aside from Rasheed Wallace's big night on 10-for-19 shooting, Chauncey Billups had 17, Hamilton scored 15, Ben Wallace had 15 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks.

Tayshaun Prince scored 10 while smothering McGrady defensively much like he did against Bryant during the NBA Finals.

"It's very similar to guarding Kobe," Prince said. "I just had to use my length."

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Detroit Pistons guard Richard Hamilton shows off his NBA championship ring as he leaves the locker room following the Pistons' season-opening victory over the Houston Rockets at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich., on Tuesday.

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Detroit Pistons center Ben Wallace raises his arms during a banner-raising celebration for their 2004 NBA championship prior to their season opener against the Houston Rockets in Auburn Hills, Mich., on Tuesday. During the ceremony, the nine returning Pistons wore gold-plated black belts provided by Rasheed Wallace that read: World Heavyweight Wrestling Champion. The Pistons defeated the Rockets 87-79.

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